

**CITY OF GROTON
COSTA PROPERTY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2009**

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS
7:00 p.m.**

I. ROLL CALL

Present: A. J. Callahan, Celeste Duffy, Barbara Dutton, Gail Kelly, Richard Kosta, Robert Stefanik, Phil Tuthill and City Planner Barbara Goodrich and Mayor Dennis Popp.

Not in attendance: Al Chapman, Denise Descheneaux, Paul Duarte, Pete Grills, David Hale, Judi Page, Dave Rice, and Jim Streeter.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. J. Callahan moved **R. Kosta** seconded a motion to approve the Costa Property Committee minutes of Special Meeting November 12, 2008, December 9, 2008 and February 10, 2009. **Motion carried.**

III. NEW BUSINESS

None.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

The Committee members discussed the pros and cons of demolishing the duplex at 353 Thames Street versus declaring it surplus and offering it for sale. The building has to be demolished or moved in order to accommodate the larger sidewalks that are part of the Thames Street Renovation Plan.

B. Dutton moved **R. Stefanick** seconded a motion to set aside the previously approved option to declare 353 Thames Street as surplus and offer it for sale. **Motion carried 7-1-0. (C. Duffy voting no)**

R. Stefanick moved **R. Kosta** seconded a motion to have a single bid for demolition for all buildings. **Motion withdrawn.**

R. Stefanick moved **R. Kosta** seconded a motion to demolish the duplex building at 353 Thames Street. **Motion carried 7-1-0. (C. Duffy voting no)**

City Staff will revise and advertise the Request For Proposals for building demolition for just the duplex building.

General discussion followed on work items in progress from February 2009 meeting.

- Demolition of freezer unit to be completed by Highway Department. The Mayor will work with Highway on scheduling this item.
- Seawall- Coastline Construction & Development have not been returning calls. The Mayor will follow up to make sure they will do a below water assessment of the docks and piers and prepare the COP for DEP.
- Highway Department has not yet developed plans for reinforcing the seawall. The Mayor will follow up with Highway. That work will require local and possibly DEP permits.
- Phil Tuthill will tag the large trees on the property that are to be removed and work with Highway on other tree trimming on site.

V. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

B. Dutton moved **R. Stefanick** seconded a motion to adjourn. **Motion carried.**

Chairperson Tuthill adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Next regular meeting will be April 14, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Celeste Duffy, Acting Secretary