

**MINUTES OF MEETING
MUNICIPAL PLANNING & PROPERTIES COMMITTEE
June 15, 2022**

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A meeting of the Municipal Planning & Properties Committee was held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. This was a hybrid meeting held both electronically and in person. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 PM by the Chair, Abdul Osmanu.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Abdul Osmanu, Chair; Ted Stevens, Vice-Chair; Sarah Gallagher; Kristen Zaehring; Cory O'Brien

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adrian Webber; Marjorie Bonadies

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Sean Grace, Chief of Staff; Tom Ariola, BOE Director of Finances; Jody Goeler, Superintendent of Schools; Karen Kaplan, Board Member

PUBLIC INPUT: None

The following items were addressed:

1. Order authorizing the sale of property at 670 Wintergreen Avenue, Hamden – Wintergreen School

-- Moved by Ms. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. O'Brien.

Mr. Stevens moved a motion to amend the order and add to the beginning of the last paragraph "waive the competitive bid process within the contract". The motion was seconded by Mr. Obrien. DISCUSSION: Assistant Town Attorney Mr. Lee explained the addition of the amended language is out of caution.

Ms. Wetmore said she's concerned with giving away stuff inside. Mr. Grace said there will be a clause in the contract that most furniture will be removed from Wintergreen.

Mr. O'Brien asked if this was the only offer saying he doesn't remember anything coming for a sale when he was on the Council. Mr. Grace said people are saying that because it's what they heard but his understanding from Attorney Gruen is that it never happened and as far as anyone knows this is the largest offer they ever got. Mr. Ariola agreed.

Mr. O'Brien stated this is likely the most we will ever get and he'll support it.

There was then discussion on the process for students. Mr. Goeler said the BOE is committed to finding a replacement. He said they will look internally and work with the Mayor's office to see if there are other properties. Ms. Kaplan said they want to make sure it's an accessible location on a bus route.

There was then discussion on appraisal of the building. Mr. Grace said there was one for 11 million and one for 9 million.

Mr. Osmanu said he will be voting no on the bid waiver and sale. He said he wants information sooner and wants more of a plan.

A vote was taken on the amendment and it passed with 1 opposed (Osmanu)

A vote was taken on the order as amended and it passed with 1 opposed (Osmanu)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Renta, Clerk
for Abdul Osmanu, Chair