

**Selectmen's Minutes  
Town Administrator's Office, 30 Martin Street**

**February 6, 2019**

Present: Chairman Lisa J. O'Donnell, Selectman Andrew C. Spinney, Selectman Peter D. Phippen, Town Administrator Brendhan Zubricki, and Fire Chief Dan Doucette.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (Released 6/17/2019)**

At 6:30 p.m., citing the need to discuss the possible purchase and value of real property at 11 John Wise Avenue, the Chairman entertained a motion to move to Executive Session. She stated that discussing this matter in Open Session would be detrimental to the Town's negotiating strategy and that the Board would only be returning to Open Session to adjourn the meeting. She invited the Town Administrator and Chief Doucette to attend the Executive Session. The motion was moved and seconded. Following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, the Town Administrator, and Chief Doucette moved to Executive Session.

Mr. Zubricki explained that the owner of 11 John Wise Avenue had initially expressed a desire to possibly sell the property to the Town. However, more recently, Selectman Spinney had been informed that the owner was beginning to express reservations about selling. The owner had allowed entrance to the property for the Town to conduct an appraisal and had asked as recently as Monday what the status of the appraisal report was (diminished interest in selling notwithstanding). The appraisal report is being treated as a public document and is in the hands of the owner and the Town Building Committee. The appraised value is \$610,000.

The Board asked the Fire Chief about the importance of acquiring the private parcel, since it affects whether and how the Board should continue to attempt to negotiate the purchase. Chief Doucette indicated that the scenario involving the two parcels would be preferable, for a number of reasons and that it may be worth offering premium, should the owner come back to the table. Those assembled covered some of the pros and cons with respect to how the owner might be viewing the situation, in preparation for Selectman Spinney possibly making renewed contact.

There being no further business before the Board requiring an Executive Session, a motion was made and seconded to return to Open Session. Following a unanimous Roll Call Vote, the Board, the Town Administrator, and the Fire Chief returned to Open Session at 6:50 p.m.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Andrew C. Spinney

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Brendhan Zubricki