

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

**June 5, 2017
8:00 p.m.**

South Windsor Town Council

PURPOSE: To receive citizen input on an Amendment to Ordinance #201, an ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Open Space

Mayor Mirek called the Public Hearing to order at 8:00 p.m.; and requested that the Clerk of the Council read the call of the meeting (a copy of which is attached hereto, **Exhibit A**). There were approximately forty-three (43) people present in the audience.

Mr. Galligan explained that this property is what is known as the Sledding Hill. The Town has been leasing that land for \$1.00 for a long time and residents have enjoyed the hill for sledding. The existing ordinance needs to be amended in order to use the bonding money. This property has been used for a lot of community events and the Town feels it is important to purchase this property.

Mayor Mirek stated that at the Armed Forces Day there were discussions held regarding how the fireworks used to be shot off from this property.

Councilor Anwar called for a Point of Order stating that the public hearing is for public comment.

Mayor Mirek finished by stating that it was also stated that it would be nice to keep this property as Town owned. Mayor Mirek asked if there was anyone from the public that would like to speak.

Mr. Andy Paterna, 301 Strawberry Lane came forward and explained that he is a member of the South Windsor Agriculture, Arts and Nature Sub-Committee and Open Space Task Force and is in favor of the Town purchasing this property. This property is a great piece of property and has been used by the community for a long time.

Mr. Robert Dickinson, 19 Birch Road stated that he is in favor of the purchase of this property and contrary to buildings which depreciate over their 50 year life, land values always go up. In the future when the Town is further developed, it will be appreciated that the Town purchased this piece of property.

Mayor Mirek asked for a Straw Vote, the results of which were as follows:

Those supporting an amendment to Ordinance #201, an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Open Space: 22

Those opposed to an amendment to Ordinance #201, an Ordinance Authorizing the Acquisition of Open Space: 1

The public hearing was closed at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Deborah W. Reid
Clerk of the Council

Public Hearing Notice – Exhibit A



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LEGAL AD

TOWN OF SOUTH WINDSOR

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Dated at South Windsor, Connecticut this 26th day of May 2017.

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