

**LAND ACQUISITION & HISTORIC PROPERTY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE  
DIRECTOR'S ROOM, LINCOLN CENTER  
MAY 22, 2024 || 6:00 P.M.**

Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Pat Kennedy (Vice Chair), Dennis Schain, Zachary Reichelt, Eric Prause, Donna Kaffenberger, Jack Prior, Joel Janenda, Jeff Sullivan

**Members Absent:** Bob Kilpatrick (Chair)

**Staff Present:** Emma Petersen, Principal Comprehensive Planner  
David Laiuppa, Environmental Planner

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Committee Vice Chair, Pat Kennedy.

**Adoption of Minutes**

Director Schain moved to adopt the minutes from September 28, 2023, as written. Mr. Janenda seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0 in favor.

Ms. Kaffenberger moved to adopt the minutes from March 28, 2024, as written. Mr. Janenda seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, 8-0 in favor.

**Discussion on Proposal for Carriage Trail Rehabilitation.**

Ms. Petersen informed the committee that the Public Works Department has planned work in the Case Mountain Recreational Area, including erosion repairs to the carriage road and path to the summit. This would negate the need for the committee to recommend funding for this project.

Ms. Petersen further explained that the committee's mandate regarding historic property investment pertains to "improvements to historic Town buildings and facilities" and likely does not extend to standalone historic structures.

The committee discussed these considerations, and no further action was taken.

**Discussion on Potential Acquisition of 61 and 65 Hilliard Street.**

Mr. Laiuppa updated the committee on the Planning & Economic Development Department's stance that partial acquisitions of 61 & 65 Hilliard Street, adjacent to the Cheney Rail Trail, would be best pursued by the Manchester Conservation Land Trust (MCLT), as the organization

owns the adjacent portion of the trail. No further conversations with the property owners have occurred due to this position.

Mr. Sullivan, representing MCLT, stated that maintaining the Cheney Rail Trail land is resource-intensive, and the organization is not inclined to purchase additional land adjacent to the trail.

The committee discussed these considerations and suggested that staff contact the property owners to gauge interest in a partial sale or easements.

### **Update: Recommendations for Land Acquisition by the Temporary Committee on Trail Enhancements and Connectivity.**

Ms. Petersen reminded the committee about the Board of Directors' authorization to create a "Temporary Committee on Trail Enhancements and Connectivity" to make recommendations for trail enhancements and land acquisition using Federal American Rescue Act Plan (ARPA) funds. Staff previously met with the temporary committee to discuss viable acquisitions intersecting with this committee's strategic priorities.

The committee reviewed the properties and requested staff to follow up on their potential acquisition.

- 571R Gardner Street
- 206 Spencer Street
- 701 Lydall Street
- 281 Spencer Street
- 1027 Middle Turnpike East

Staff also informed the committee of previously reviewed, non-viable acquisitions.

### **Public Comment**

A Manchester resident expressed interest in the status of repairs to the Carriage Path and Historic stone wall in the Case Mountain Recreation Area.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. by Committee Vice Chair, Pat Kennedy.