

City of Rutland Board of Aldermen

General Committee Report

Meeting of Tuesday October, 26, 2021

The General Committee of The City of Rutland Board of Aldermen met at 5:30 PM, Tuesday October 26, 2021 in the Downstairs Conference Room of City Hall: Item agenda, "Review of the City-Owned Properties Committee".

A very well attended meeting included members of the Committee: Gorruso, Alderman Depoy, Alderman Clifford and Alderman Franco.

Also in attendance: The Honorable Mayor of the City of Rutland, Mayor David Allaire, Honorable President of the Board of Aldermen Matthew Whitcomb, Immediate Past President of the Board of Aldermen, the Honorable Sharon Davis as well as Planning & Zoning Administrator Andrew Strniste along with other honorable members of the Board including Alderman Neary, Gillam, Honorable Rutland City Treasurer, Mary Markowski, Rutland Redevelopment Executive Director, Brenden Duffy, City resident John Ruggerio, Rutland Herald Reporter Gordon Driscillo and others the chair failed to write down.

Also in attendance: VIA telephone: City Attorney Bloomer, and Alderman Michael Doenges.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Strniste, was called on by the chair over his October 21, 2021 Memorandum to the General Committee containing questions over the "Buying Property From The City of Rutland" documents and procedures and had requested in his memo

that "Staff envisions the General Committee will produce a written policy that can be made available to the public that better encapsulates the City Owned Properties Program as well as provide the public an overview of how applications are selected. Producing a document that includes the evaluation criteria and policies will be imperative to ensure transparency and fairness in the process."

After a substantial amount of discussion several in attendance including Treasurer Markowski who mentioned that of the nine recently acquired properties by the City, there has been a substantial amount of interest in these nine properties by potential owners. Winter is coming and the city would prefer to have transferred the properties out of its possession by winter and to return these properties to the City Tax rolls as soon as possible.

The committee felt any change or re-write of the process at this time would be too lengthy and could delay the disposition of the properties. No formal motions were made however all in attendance verbally communicated to those in attendance that the current process is in place and acceptable to begin and follow through the sale of City Owned Properties at this time.

The issue will stay in committee and will be looked into further upon request by the Zoning Administrator Strniste.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.