

Determination made that confidentiality is no longer warranted

River Access Committee

Minutes of the November 13, 2018 meeting. Executive Session

Joint meeting with the Open Space Committee

River Access Committee members in attendance: Chair Rob Phillips, Elisa Grammer and Barry LaCroix

Meeting commenced at 7:00 PM

Rob Phillips moved that the RAC go into executive session to discuss the acquisition of property. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Vanessa Johnson of the Essex County Greenbelt Association (ECGA) presented the opportunity for the acquisition of the Hufnagel property. Ms. Johnson described the attributes of the property including protection of scenic assets, increasing recreational opportunities including river access, environmental benefits.

Ms. Johnson notified the Open Space and River Access Committees that the property was listed for \$575,000 but hoped to negotiate a bargain purchase with the Hufnagels. Greenbelt proposed purchasing the property with the Town holding a conservation restriction. The joint committees were asked to co-submit an application to the Community Preservation Committee to fund the Town's contribution to the purchase. The committees discussed the appropriate level of support and agreed upon a \$75,000 request to the CPC.