

Commission Members:

Chair Pat Bailey, Jayne Foley, Daniel Herzlinger, Jennifer Fox, Robert Foster, Jon Kachmar, Kara Wooldrik, Simon Rucker, Baxter Miatke, Brian Wasser and City Counselor Anna Trevorrow

City of Portland **Land Bank Commission Agenda** **September 14th, 2022**

I. Call to Order

II. Citizen Comment Period

III. Agenda Items

i. Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: July 13th, 2022 - approved

ii. New Business

- A. Coolidge Parcel Review - Pat requested for the opinion of the commissioners, as to why these lots would be good additions to the Land Bank. Simon expressed that the land connects well with current land bank properties. Doug provided insight as to why the stream on sight is important. Additional research needed. Daniel H volunteered to do a commission scorecard. Kara expressed that IF the property is not suitable for housing, it would be a good candidate. Baxter asked about where the trails are on the lots. Doug provided additional details about the waterline and where the trails are located. Pictures provided. Pat advised that the abutting property would be ideal for the landbank. Laure Paulette revised the map with Doug, and the city should review.

Doug advised a new map has been provided, small change, a parcel was a tax-acquired space. This is a stream, which means this area is wetlands and a watershed, additionally the sloping is quite steep. Development would be complicated and not ideal, sewage is that area has been a known issue. Protecting the lots would be ideal to protect the city's water quality. Long term benefits would help keep the tax-payer cost down. Pat advised this should be discussed again next time once the scorecard is done and city review is completed.

Closed on Redlon and Trolley Park, also discussing with the City about the Commission's due-diligence process. This is scheduled for next month.

Alagash is moving to Scarborough.

- B. North Deering Park - Grant provided from Land for Maine's Future! Funding is going well. Dubbed 'The Forbidden Forest' Phil Dube called and asked if we would increase the award from \$80k to \$160k, this was initially denied as funding is not plentiful. TFPL should get ample funding. Discussed total pricing and fund sources, Simon expressed the

Land Bank has made a commitment already. Additional funds should not be provided at this time. Kara - we should look at our priority list, particularly from a finance and long term budget perspective. Baxter confirmed that they are working on that. Simon and Baxter would like to make sure that the Land Bank assisted with this project, as opposed to the City Council. Doug believes that Land Bank should be added as well, for visibility and exposure. Pat would love to see signs go up! Commission needs exposure.

- C. Review High Priority Parcels in regards to future action - Pat advised that this would be ideal, some parcels honestly are not good candidates. Simon advised that some have been removed. Additional information is provided via the google drive. Pat is looking for volunteers to help Simon with going over this information. Kara volunteered to assist. Please review the sub-committee actions. Doug advised that parcel mapping needs to implement updates to the maps. Looking for a small group to make sure that the GIS team can get out there and assist with this. Baxter advised that the list was last updated in Feb 2022. Pat would like the historic details recorded for the current parcels, to ensure that this information is taken into consideration when determining if they are candidates still. Kara - is this a public document? Yes.
- D. Secretary's Report - Simon asked, who would like to work on the annual report? Jennifer Fox, Brian Wasser, Jayne Foley volunteered to assist. Baxter will help with finance.
- E. Treasurer's Report - No updates, waiting for closed properties and updated budget. Tom Jewel has been handling the escrow donations from the public, public shout out to him and his support.

iii. Old Business

- a. High Priority Parcel Committee Update - NA

iv. Communications and Parcel Updates

- a. Parks Report - Tater is wonderful!
- b. Redlon Woods Update

v. Commissioner requests for Agenda Items - Hemlock Woolly Adelgid - insect invasive species.

Baxter mentioned the Hobart lot, he felt it should be genuinely considered for development. As we only have so many resources, we might need to find a partner to help with the improvements: IE a boat launch on the property.

IV. Adjournment - Meeting adjourned