



Emergency Meeting Minutes

Stewardship Councilors in Attendance: Acting Chair, Henry Lee; Councilors, Christina Crowley, John Natoli, Laura Johnson, Julian Agyeman, and Michael Dutton.

Public Attendees: Heather Clish, Appalachian Mountain Club; Stephen H. Kaiser, Massachusetts Stewardship Initiative.

DCR Staff in Attendance: Commissioner Rick Sullivan, Stephanie Cooper, Jeff Daley, Gary Davis, Tom LaRosa, and Marcelle Valentin.

Session began at 9:50 am

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am

I. Call To Order (9:50 a.m.), Acting Chair Henry Lee

a. Councilor Henry Lee calls to order the emergency meeting to discuss and vote on the Approval of State Parks Eminent Domain, due to lack of quorum at the June 5, 2008 meeting.

II. Approval of State Parks Eminent Domain, Counsel Tom LaRosa

a. Counsel Tom LaRosa briefed the Commissioner and Stewardship Council members on the proposed acquisition by the Department of Conservation and Recreation of land currently held by National Farm and Forestry, LLC and the Town of Adams. Below is the brief summary of the proposal.

The Department intends to acquire by eminent domain, through a consensual taking to ensure acquisition of clear title, a parcel of land in the Town of Adams supposedly owned by National Farm and Forestry LLC and the Town of Adams, described as follows:

Town of Adams Assessor's Map 230, Parcel 1.2; containing two-hundred and eighty-five (285) acres, more or less, being the same premises conveyed to National Farm and Forestry, LLC by deed of National Farm and Forestry Corporation, dated February 24, 2000, and recorded in the Berkshire Northern District Registry of Deeds in book 1000, page 674, and shown as "Parcel A" and "Parcel B" on a plan of land entitled "Proposed Layout of Land of Eastern Land Enterprises, Inc.", dated November 18, 1976, and prepared by Dufresn0065-Henry Engineering Corporation, and recorded in the Berkshire Northern District Registry of Deeds as Plan #134 in Drawer #2 (hereinafter the "Plan"); and including, as being a portion of the same premises, the area of the land conveyed to the Town of Adams by deed of Elmer Richmond dated April 9, 1885 and recorded in the Berkshire Northern District Registry of Deeds in Book 174, page 217, that is within and part of "Parcel A" and "Parcel B" on the said Plan (the Property).

VOTED: The Stewardship Council hereby concurs in the Department's taking of the Property by eminent domain. The Stewardship Council of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, at a duly called open meeting, has hereunto set their hands and seals this 26th day of June 2008.

- . *Following discussion, the Stewardship Council members present in the Emergency Session voted All in Favor for the Eminent Domain authorization and gave their approval. The Vote of the quorum that was present and that deliberated towards a decision in the Session was as follows ("yes" meaning in favor of the eminent domain authorization):*

<i>Acting Chairman Henry Lee</i>	-	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor John Natoli</i>	-	<i>Yes (First motion)</i>
<i>Councilor Christina Crowley</i>	-	<i>Yes (Second motion)</i>
<i>Councilor Michael Dutton</i>	-	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Julian Agyeman</i>	-	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Councilor Laura Johnson</i>	-	<i>Yes</i>

III. **Meeting Schedule** – Next meeting will be Thursday, August 7, 2008 at Skinner Park, location is subject to change. The July 10th meeting is canceled.