

EFC MINUTES FROM 6/7/13 Executive Session – (Minutes Sealed)

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Topic: Parcel of property in Unity NH for sale – abuts Marshal Rd property (west) and to the southwest it also abuts the Main County Complex Property.

Property is 596 +/- acres, and was brought to the commissioners' attention recently. They have an interest in purchasing the property as the County presently has an easement over the property for fire/water from Marshal Pond to the main complex.

Question was raised by Rep Irwin regarding use of the land to supply product for the Bio-Mass Plant. Apparently the option is available, but the more accepted method might be to contract with an entity to harvest the wood product.

Manager: the asking price is \$345,000 – he voiced an interest by the commissioners and has spoken with the Land Trust and the NH Forest Association regarding partnering in the project, but they have no real funds to put towards the project. They voiced concern that we include a conservation easement.

Rep Schmidt voiced concern regarding such an easement as it might tie future hands.

Rep Grenier raised the question of any opportunities re: wind energy.

Rep Irwin raised the point that the property is actually 2 parcels.

Manager: Ownership is by someone in northern NH who purchased the property as an investment. Apparently the property had been timbered recently. There have been a number of owners over the years – and there is an existing deeded right of access, but not sure of what it allows.

Rep Gagnon – urged that we solicit input from the Unity Board of Selectmen for an opinion.

Rep Gottling: cautioned the EFC that the county needs to look at the big picture and future years.

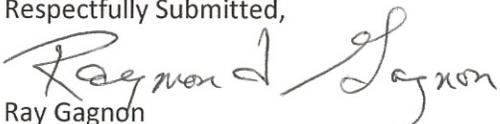
TASKS:

1. Manager will identify timber issue,
2. Reach out to Unity Selectmen,
3. Caution – look at broad perspective and impact on the budget and county finances.

EFC were favorably inclined to move forward – with reservations.

2:00 PM EFC went out of Executive Session

Respectfully Submitted,

 7/16/13

Ray Gagnon  
Secretary Pro-Temp