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GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

JUNE 3, 2008 5:10 P.M. LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS

Present: M. Hattery, Chair; P. Mackesey; G. Stevenson; M. Sigler; D. Kiefer (arrived at 5:14 p.m.)

Staff: C. Covert, Clerk of the Legislature; J. Leccese, Planning Department; D. Squires, Finance Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m.

Removal of Parcel from Property Auction

Ms. Leccese reviewed the recommendations concerning a tax parcel on Hanshaw Road. The Planning Department is recommending the parcel remain on the list as part of the auction. The Unique Natural Areas (UNA) Committee of the Environmental Management Council is recommending following their review of the report that the parcel be withheld from the foreclosure auction for one year to examine potential conservation options.

Ms. Leccese said, in response to Mr. Hattery's question, that there is no additional information to offer since the last Committee meeting. She commented that the UNA Committee will be doing a complete review of all unique areas. The Planning Department believes the parcel is very small and isolated.

Ms. Kiefer arrived at this time.

Mr. Squires spoke about the impact this will have if the property is not sold at auction. The taxes on this parcel have not been paid in two years and the County will be responsible for another year of paying school and municipal taxes if it is not sold. It was noted that the property is assessed at \$20,000 and \$1,800 is owed in taxes.

It was **MOVED** by Ms. Kiefer, seconded by Ms. Mackesey, to withhold the parcel from auction for one year. Discussion followed concerning the condition of the property and that a portion of it lies within the Fringed Gentian Meadow.

A voice vote resulted as follows on the motion: Ayes – 3 (Kiefer, Mackesey, and Sigler); Noes – 2 (Hattery and Stevenson). **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.