

**AD HOC REPORT – BIRCH RD./KING ST. – DONATION OF LAND
NOVEMBER 21, 2006**

Chairman Charles Trombetta called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were committee members Shay Nagarsheth and Duane Perkins. Also in attendance were Dennis Elpern, Director of Planning, Laszlo Pinter, Corporation Counsel and Antonio Iadarola, Director of Public Works.

Mr. Trombetta stated that we have received a letter from First Congregational Church, 164 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury CT 06810 about the possibility of donating a parcel of land in the Birch Road/ King Street area to the City. Parcel numbers are CO7019 and CO7020. The Planning Commission made a positive recommendation with the recommendation that it be designated permanent open space.

Mr. Elpern showed a map of the parcel and doesn't see any use for the City. It is 17.3 acres of unbuildable wetlands and is surrounded by single-family houses.

Mr. Pinter stated that if the City accepted this donation of property, it would assume liability in terms of responsibility and issues that occur at the time of acquisition. It would become an attractive nuisance such as a dumping ground.

Mr. Trombetta stated the City would also be responsible for damage to properties if the wetlands overflowed. Mr. Iadarola agreed that the City would become involved and would be looking at remedial work.

Mr. Nagarsheth moved that the Common Council at its next regularly scheduled meeting decline the offer of the donation of land in the Birch Street/King Street area. Seconded by Mr. Trombetta. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Nagarsheth moved to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Perkins. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Trombetta, Chairman

Shay Nagarsheth, Councilman

Duane Perkins, Councilman