



## Acquisition and Disposition Committee Meeting Minutes

*A public meeting of the Acquisition and Disposition Committee of the Albany County Land Bank Corporation was convened on September 8, 2021, via audioconference in accordance with New York State law*

**Committee attendance:** Charles Touhey, Samuel Wells, Natisha Alexander, Joe LaCivita

**Staff attendance:** Adam Zaranko, Amanda Wyckoff, Erica Ganns, Will Sikula, Elista Gayle

**The meeting began at 3:02 PM**

### **Review of Minutes:**

The minutes from the August 2021 Acquisition and Disposition Committee meeting were reviewed and approved as presented.

### **Sales Summaries Review:**

The following property sales were reviewed, and the recommendations of the Committee were set forth and recommended to advance to the full Board of Directors as follows:

- **5 Rosemary Circle, Albany:**  
Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends tabling this property for further parcel outreach and additional information for existing applicants.
- **8 Westbrook Street, Albany:**  
Proposed Use: Urban Agriculture  
Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends tabling the sale of this property for one month pending an appraisal by one of the applicants.
- **17 & 19 Cherry Hill Street**  
Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends tabling the sale of the property pending further review.
- **38 Lexington Ave & 400 Clinton Avenue, Albany:**  
Proposed Use: Side Lot  
Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale to Orville Gordon, the adjacent property owner.
- **42-46 Bradford Street, Albany:**  
Proposed Use: Operate as a Rental  
Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale to Kathleen Murray, the adjacent property owner.
- **48 Sherman Street, Albany:**  
Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends tabling the sale of this property for further review.

- **146 Main Street, Albany:**  
 Proposed Use: Yard Expansion  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of the property to Robert White III, a tenant of the adjacent residence.
- **185 Second Street, Albany:**  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends tabling the sale of the property for further review.
- **211 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Watervliet:**  
 Proposed Use: Garden  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of the property to Elizabeth Fero.
- **278 Livingston Avenue, Albany:**  
 Proposed Use: Garden  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of this property to Dennis & Luisa Cuesta Young.
- **298 Second Street**  
 Proposed Use: Garden  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition Committee recommends advancing the sale to Felicity Bijadder.
- **315 Second Street**  
 Proposed Use: Garden  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition Committee recommends advancing the sale to Felicity Bijadder.
- **491, 493, and 495 Second Street, Albany:**  
 Proposed Use: Garden  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of this property to Eden's Rose Foundation.
- **612 Third Street**  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends tabling the sale of this property pending further review.
- **2638 State Route 145, Rensselaerville**  
 Proposed Use: Personal Business  
 Recommendation: Acquisition and Disposition committee recommends advancing the sale of this property to Douglas Angonna pending a counteroffer from the applicant.

**Other Action Items**

The Director of Operations presented several old business items to the Committee, as follows:

The approved buyer for Cedar Grove Road in the Town of New Scotland had planned on creating a farm stand and engaged the municipality on the proposed use. After talking to the municipality, the applicant modified their use to accommodate forestry gatherings.

The former owner of 464 Elk Street contacted the Land Bank regarding the property that was foreclosed by Albany County. The owners cited a financial hardship in maintain the property taxes at the time and now wish to reacquire the property. The property is a yard adjacent to the applicant's primary residence. The former owner agrees to paying the back taxes, penalties, and interest in full pursuant to Land Bank's requirements and inquired if the Land Bank would consider a payment plan. The Committee discussed whether or not that would be something that the Land Bank could accommodate and suggested that land bank staff contact the Land Bank's legal team to explore possible options.

The Land Bank's Board of Directors approved a sale of two former garages on Orange Street over a year ago which were not closed upon by the approved buyer as they were seeking funding from NYS as part of a larger project under which the approved applicant would demolish and redevelop the structures. The City of Albany demolished the structures under emergency demolition at the expense of approximately \$25,000 to the Land Bank. The Committee asked Land Bank staff to engage the approved buyer and renegotiate the sales price to expenses to the Land Bank.

**The meeting adjourned at 4:37 pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Will Sikula  
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