

**REGION OF QUEENS MUNICIPALITY
PUBLIC HEARING
INTENTION TO SELL MUNICIPAL PROPERTY
TUESDAY, JULY 7, 2015
8:30 A.M.**

PRESENT: See attached Schedule "B"

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Clarke called the Public Hearing to order at 8:30 a.m.

REMARKS:

Mayor Clarke reviewed that the purpose of this Public Hearing was to provide any interested person with an opportunity to present an oral or written presentation to the Council of the Region of Queens Municipality on the matter of the Region's intention to sell municipal property for less than market value (S. 51 (3) of Municipal Government Act). The property in question is identified as PID#70162210 and is located at 17 School Street in the community of Milton. The purpose of the sale is to accommodate a new Masonic Hall for Prince of Wales Lodge #29. A recent appraisal report values this property including the building at \$45,000.

Mayor Clarke reviewed the procedures for the Hearing which were provided on the agenda.

REPORTS AND PRESENTATION BY STAFF:

There were no reports presented.

WRITTEN AND ORAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. Richard Colp, 348 West Street, Milton

Mr. Colp expressed his concern over the assessment value of the property. He indicated that he had spoken with Property Valuation Services, who told him the current assessed value of the property was \$727,000.00.

He also expressed his concern over the impact to traffic and asked if there had been a traffic study.

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There is a community hall in the community that is already zoned institutional and is struggling and believes it will be in competition if the school property is rezoned.

Mr. Colp also enquired if this was a tax free property.

He indicated that he was not able to see the appraisal report or see the building.

2. Eleanor Reed, 16 School Street, Milton

Ms. Reed enquired with the sale of the property if it would affect her tax rate on her property and if it would depreciate the value if she sells.

3. Heather Douglas, 429 West Street, Milton

Ms. Douglas enquired if the Mason's would still be interested in the building if the motion to purchase was defeated and asked if there had been any prior requests for proposals.

Mayor Clarke indicated that the Municipality did not publish the property for sale, and the appraisal for the property went to tender and Kempton Appraisals Limited was selected. They are licensed and competent.

4. Bill Cox, 121 Bog Road, White Point

Mr. Cox indicated that he was involved with the Prince of Wales Lodge, and has held positions with the organization in the past. The Masons have been in operation since 1866 in the Milton area and would like to remain in the area. He explained that they have looked for suitable accommodations, including the Milton Hall, but felt that the space would not be appropriate and they didn't want to be in competition with other people who use the property. They were not successful in acquiring other properties and made a proposal to the Region for the school property on 17 School Street.

5. Richard Colp, 348 West Street, Milton

Mr. Colp expressed his concern that the traffic would increase if there were businesses and offices on this property, and again asked about the taxation of the property. He indicated that the school had previously been used by health professionals.

SCHEDULE "B"

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Mayor Clarke responded that the school had previously been used by office staff for the health professionals, and that the School Board was tax exempt.

CLOSING OF PUBLIC MEETING:

Mayor Clarke asked three times if there were any members of the public who wished to make a presentation on this matter. There were no requests from the audience to speak.

Mayor Clarke declared the Public Hearing closed at 8:50 a.m.



Mayor Christopher Clarke, Chair

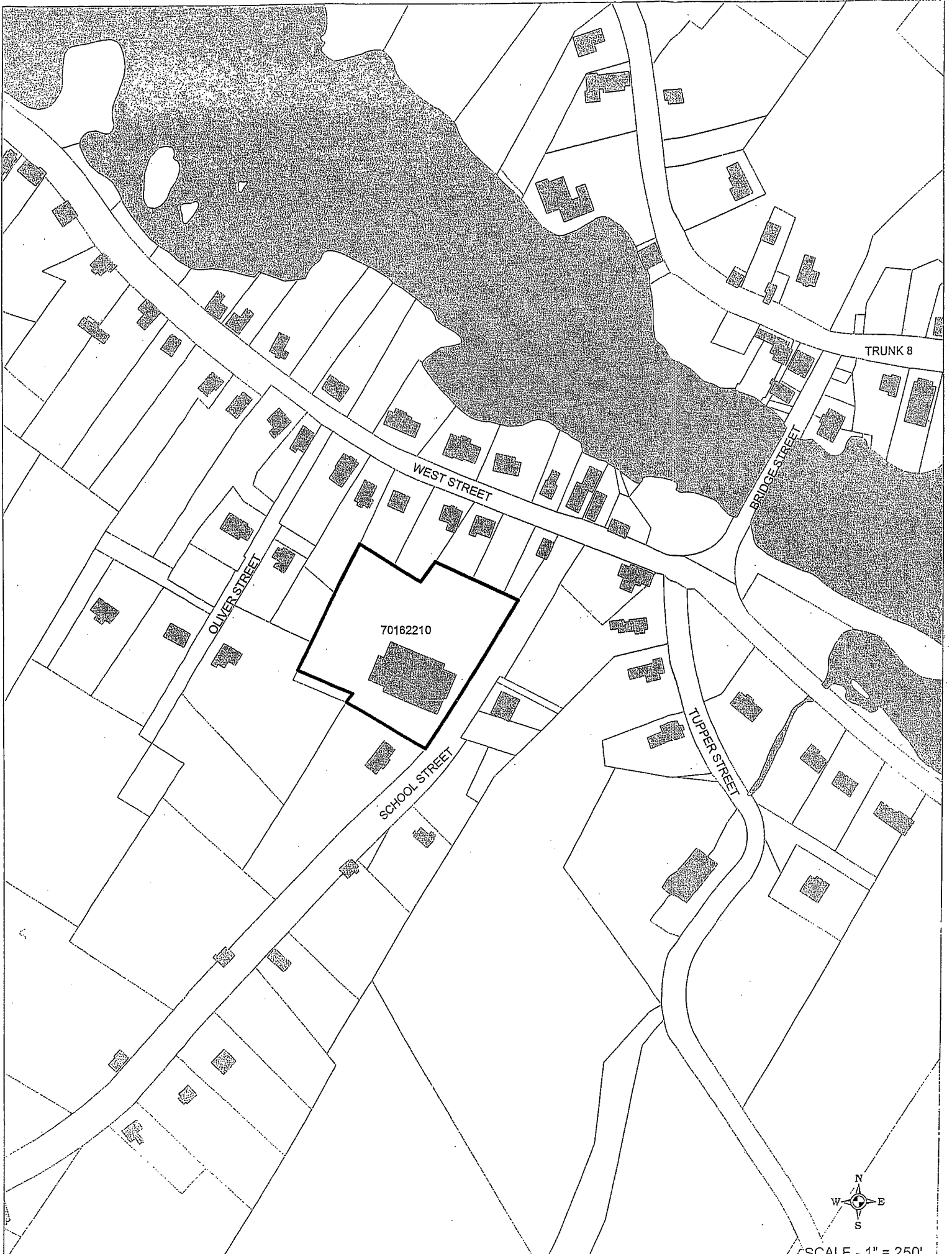


April Whynot-Lohnes, Municipal Clerk



Christine Watson, Recording / Management Secretary

Date approved: 



70162210



SCALE - 1" = 250'