

The Citizens Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. The agenda is the following:

1. Friends of Thompson Park (See resolution passed by City Council)
2. NY Main Street Grant Application by Neighbors Of Watertown (See NOWI letter)
3. 138 Court Street
4. Downtown Project Updates
5. Tax Sale Properties (See tax sale memo. Three of the properties are on the river. There are three single family homes and three other vacant lots. 591 Rear West Main Street, which is also on the river, could also be taken by the City.)
6. Next Meeting: August 13, 2015

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June 24, 2015

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Re: 2015 NY Main Street & National Grid Applications

Dear Mr. Mix:

Neighbors of Watertown is requesting a letter of support for two applications. Neighbors is preparing an application to National Grid for \$250,000 and to the NY Main Street (NYMS) Program for \$500,000. The National Grid funds require a letter of support from the City of Watertown. The NYMS funds are available through the New York State CFA Application 2015 round which requires a formal resolution from the City of Watertown supporting the application.

The Program will help facilitate the redevelopment of a targeted area in downtown Watertown along JB Wise, Safford Lane and the first section of Court St. (specific boundaries of the target area are yet to be defined).

The concept is for a \$1,250,000 program that can renovate facades, eliminate blight and code issues, and remove development impediments for a block of commercial buildings within the target area. The Watertown Local Development Corporation (WLDC) has agreed to provide \$250,000 of the project cost as a direct match for the NYMS funds (up to 20% of the project), NOWI is submitting an application to National Grid for \$250,000 (up to 20% of the project), and the owners will be responsible for the balance of the project cost (minimum 20% of the project).

Please let me know if you need any further information regarding the application to submit to the City Council for their review and approval.

Sincerely,


Gary C. Beasley
Executive Director



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RESOLUTION

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Endorsing the Formation of a
Friends of Thompson Park Organization

Council Member BURNS, Roxanne M.
 Council Member BUTLER, Joseph M. Jr.
 Council Member JENNINGS, Stephen A.
 Council Member MACALUSO, Teresa R.
 Mayor GRAHAM, Jeffrey E.
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Introduced by

WHEREAS John C. Thompson Park is the City of Watertown’s largest recreational facility and was designed by the renowned Olmsted Brothers, Landscape Architects, which give it significant recreational and historical value, and

WHEREAS a group of citizens brought together by the initiative of the noon Rotary Club has proposed the formation of a “Friends of the Park” organization, which will seek to maintain and develop Thompson Park in accord with the original Olmsted design, and

WHEREAS the City Council understands the value of partnering with a group of civic-minded individuals to the development of Thompson Park’s full potential,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Watertown hereby endorses the formation of a “Friends of the Park” organization with the purposes of:

1. Developing an endowment fund that will provide for the development and maintenance of Thompson Park,
2. Insuring the fidelity of donation for gifts and bequests directed toward the park,
3. Providing counsel and advice to the City Council and Thompson Park Conservancy regarding initiatives to enhance the park in accord with the Olmsted plan, and
4. Promoting and encouraging programs in the park that foster a connection to community and the region.

Seconded by

June 26, 2015

To: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

From: James E. Mills, City Comptroller

Subject: Tax sale properties

The two year redemption period ended on Thursday, June 25th for those parcels included in the tax sale certificate auction held in June 2013. The following is a list of those properties for which the City is eligible to issue itself a tax sale deed.

<u>Address</u>	<u>Parcel #</u>	<u>Previous Owner</u>	<u>Property Class</u>	<u>Zoning</u>	<u>Assessed Value</u>	<u>Lot size</u>
521 Jefferson St	06-04-210.000	Francis Gowing	Single family	Residential C	\$38,600	38' x 42'
125 Casey St	09-14-122.000	Brian Harten	Single family	Residential B	\$30,800	99' x 99'
602 Lansing St	03-05-305.000	Wendy Holden	Single Family	Residential C	\$35,200	47' x 72'
38 West St	01-24-223.000	Raymond John	Residential vacant land	Residential A	\$3,650	50' x 70'
61 Lewis St St	01-24-225.000	Raymond John	Residential vacant land	Residential A	\$1,200	40' x 100'
529 Arsenal St	09-01-127.000	Dorothy Netto	Commercial vacant land	Commercial	\$14,300	84' x 165'
424 Vanduzee St	01-18-102.000	Darius Byron	Other storage	Light industry	\$243,100	9.24 acres
731 Rear Huntington St	06-06-405.000	Suzanne Shean	Underwater	Waterfront	\$300	.47 acre
340 Moulton St	03-02-401.000	Oliver Wisner	Residential vacant land	Residential C	\$1,000	38' x 70'

521 Jefferson Street



125 Casey Street



602 Lansing Street



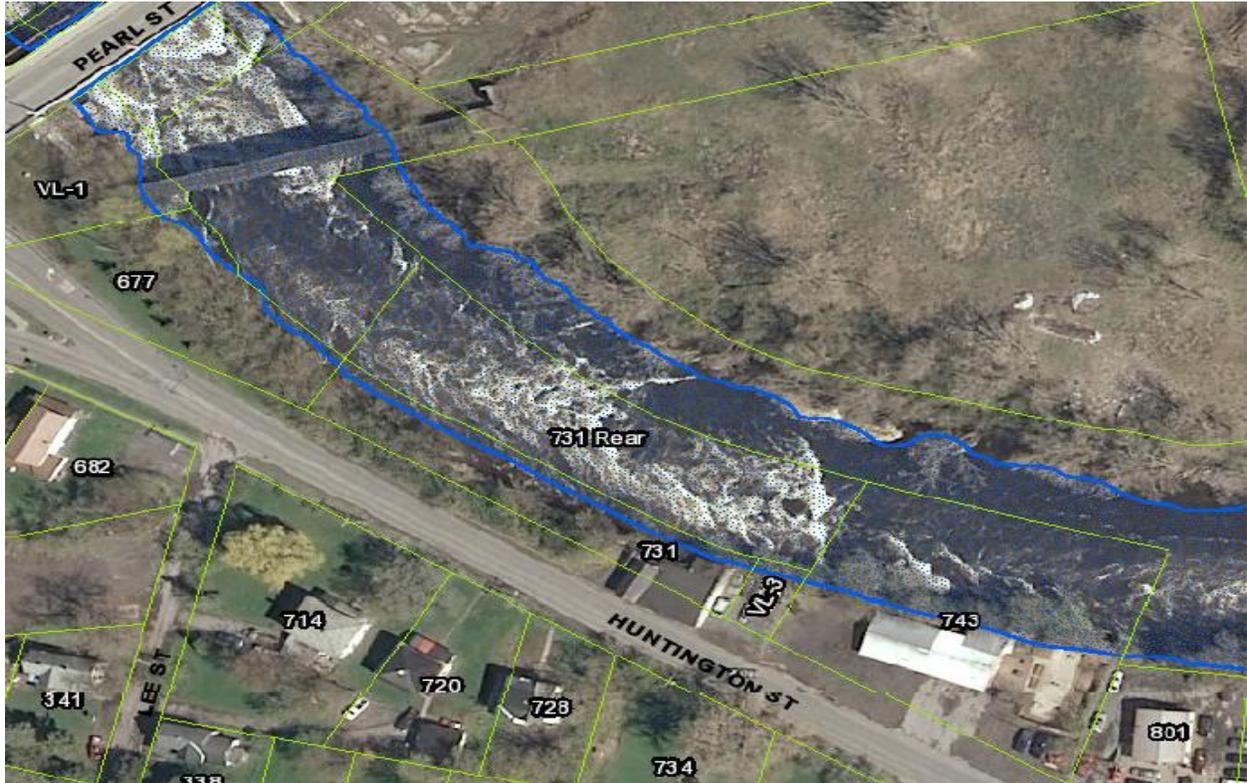
38 West Street and 61 Lewis Street



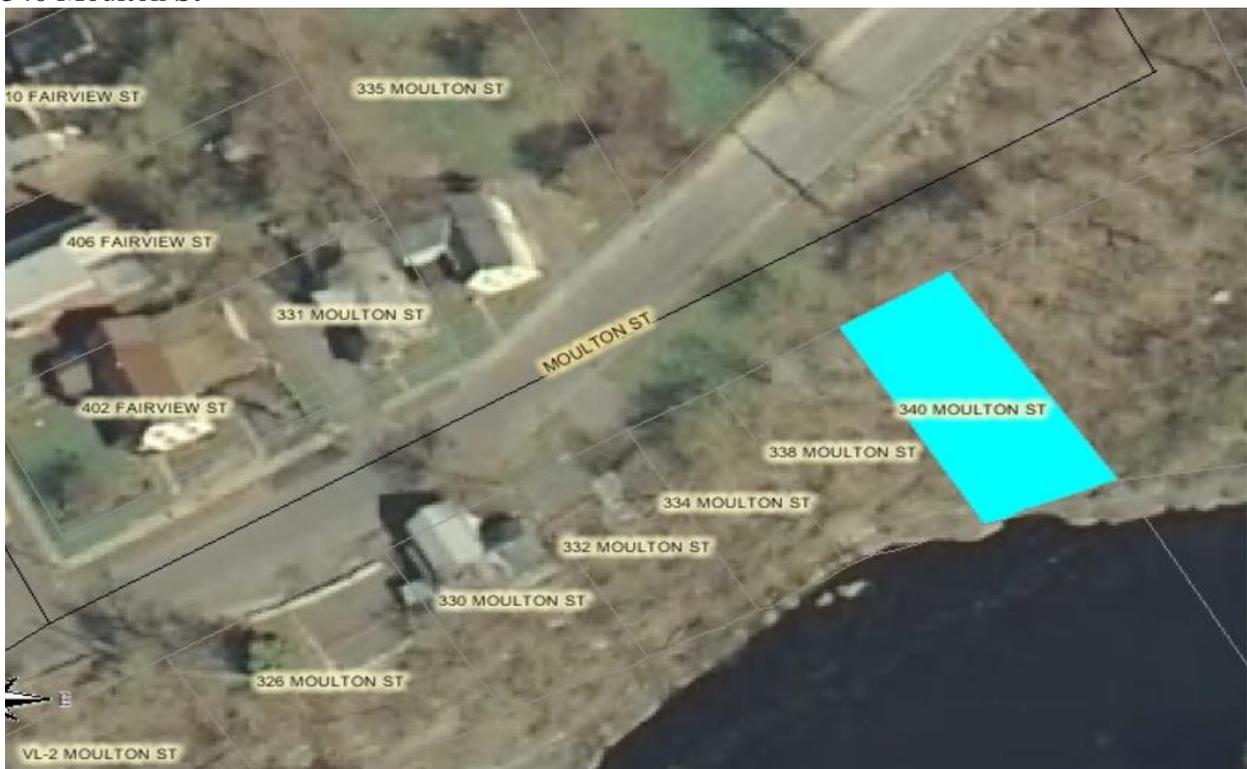
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