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Mayor works to explore all options to bring public access to Metacomet property

EAST PROVIDENCE, RI –Mayor Bob DaSilva is working with East Providence’s legal team to explore all options available to the City regarding the Metacomet Country Club property.

The developers (Marshall Properties Inc.) and country club owners have reportedly entered into a purchase and sale agreement and are in the process of finalizing the sale of the property.

In light of Marshall’s most recent land development plan of little-to-no buffers, zero public access, zero dedicated public space, expansive parking, paving and curb cuts throughout the surrounding neighborhood, Mayor DaSilva has been exploring all legal options available to the City.

Rep. Gregg Amore has proposed a House Resolution asking the City to take the property by eminent domain.

“I do appreciate Rep. Gregg Amore’s support on this issue,” Mayor DaSilva said. “Acquiring this property would be a very expensive proposition and a burden to our taxpayers at a time when we are building and financing a state-of-the-art \$189 million high school and dealing with financial uncertainties due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We welcome any financial assistance from the state that Rep. Amore may be able to offer to help to fund any type of acquisition,” DaSilva added. “As mayor, I would welcome the

opportunity to purchase this property for residents to enjoy for generations to come. I believe eminent domain is an option that should only be used as a last resort.”

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