RESOLUTION NO. 3336
TRANSFER OF TITLE OF THE PROPERTY FORMERLY REFERRED TO AS THE “ESTATE OF JOSEPHINE BORG” AND SITUATED ON HILLCREST PARK ROAD IN STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, FROM CITY OF STAMFORD TO THE STAMFORD LAND CONSERVATION TRUST

Whereas, in 2008 the City of Stamford acquired title to vacant land situated on Hillcrest Park Road in Stamford, Connecticut, consisting of 3.0141 acres, all of which is located in Stamford except for 0.00376 of an acre located in Greenwich, Connecticut, through the process known as a deed in lieu of tax foreclosure in accordance with Section 12-195 of the Connecticut General Statutes; and

Whereas, the aforesaid 3.0141 acres of property (“Property”) consists of mostly wetlands, is located within a residential area that inaccessible to members of the general public and is situated in the center of residential housing that surrounds the Property (thereby rendering the property “landlocked”); and

Whereas, as a result of the Property’s location and inaccessibility, the Property is of no use to the City of Stamford; and

Whereas, the Property is subject to a deed restriction that requires it to be used for open space purposes; and

Whereas, the City is interested in transferring title to the Property only if the Property will be used for passive, recreational use purposes; and

Whereas, the Stamford Land Conservation Trust (“Trust”) is desirous of acquiring title to the Property and is supportive of maintaining the Property for such purpose provided it obtains an access easement from one of the privately-owned properties that surrounds the Property; and

Whereas, an adjacent landowner has agreed to provide a pedestrian access easement to the Trust for its benefit provided the City of Stamford transfers the Property to the Trust; and
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Whereas, the City is willing to transfer its ownership interest in the Property to the Trust for One Dollar and Zero Cents (U.S. $1.00) for purpose of supporting the Trust's interest in maintaining the Property for open space purposes; and

Whereas, the Trust has agreed to accept title ownership to the Property.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that:

The City's request to transfer its ownership interest in the Property from the City to the Trust for One Dollar and Zero Cents (U.S. $1.00) for the purposes set forth in the recital above is hereby approved.

The Mayor is authorized to sign any and all instruments and documents he deems necessary or desirable in connection with the conveyance of the City's title to the Trust for the purpose described herein.

This resolution is effective upon adoption.

This resolution was approved on the Consent Agenda at the regular monthly meeting of the 27th Board of Representatives held on Monday, November 9, 2009.

David R. Martin, President

Annie M. Summerville, Clerk

cc: Mayor Dannel P. Malloy  
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