

ARTICLE 7:

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to install plantings within the Foothills Preserve Stream and Wetlands Restoration Project, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$45,800 (12-0-0) Unanimous

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 7. The purpose of this article is to complete the restoration project and allow for the purchase and installation of 2,200 plantings for the stream and wetlands restoration at the Foothills Preserve. Considerable funds have already been contributed to this project by federal and state agencies as well as private stakeholders. This article represents the Town's share of the project and the funding would come from the Environmental Affairs Fund.



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MEMO

To: Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
From: David Gould, DMEA Director
Re: Environmental Affairs Fund Request/Plantings
Date: July 28, 2020

DMEA is requesting the use of \$45,800 from the Environmental Affairs Fund for use in purchasing and installing plantings for the ongoing stream and wetlands restoration project at the Foothills Preserve.

This project builds upon previous restoration work at the Mass Audubon Tidmarsh Sanctuary. Protecting this land from herbicide, pesticide and fertilizer use going forward as well as the wetland restoration work improves water quality from this part of the upper watershed, along Beaver Dam Brook, to Bartlett Pond and ultimately to White Horse Beach.

To date the Town has not invested financially in this project as the project funding to date has been a mix of private, state and federal funding as listed below:

\$1,000,000	United States Fish and Wildlife Service
\$369,090	USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service
\$230,000	Massachusetts Division of Ecological Restoration
\$100,000	Ducks Unlimited
\$30,000	Massachusetts Environmental Trust

The funding being requested would allow for the purchase and installation of 2,200 plants (and three-year warranty per the contract) for the following:

800 Shrubs bare root stock: 800 at \$7/each = \$5,600

800 Trees, 2-gallon: 800 at \$40/each = \$32,000

100 Trees, 5-gallon: 100 at \$50/each = \$5,000

500 Pitcher plant plugs: 500 at \$7/each = \$3,500

C: Lynne Barrett, Finance Director
Jeanette White, Budget Analyst