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COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$190,520 (12-0-1)

The Advisory & Finance recommends Town Meeting approve Article 16E. Approval of this article will establish an endowment fund, payable to the Wildlands Trust, for the sole purpose of overseeing the allowable usages of 24 separate Conservation Restrictions placed on various Town of Plymouth Community Preservation Act parcels to ensure their protection in perpetuity.



TOWN OF PLYMOUTH COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

MEMO

TO: Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen, and the Advisory & Finance Committee
From: The Community Preservation Committee
Date: Friday, January 29, 2020
Re: SATM 2021: CPA Article 16E Conservation Restriction Endowment Fund

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CPC RECOMMENDATION: Approval (unanimous)

On Thursday January 28th the Community Preservation Committee voted in favor of article 16E.

SUMMARY & INTENT:

The intent of Article 16E is to utilize the Community Preservation Fund for a payment, in the sum of \$190,520.00, to the Wildlands Trust. The payment would fund an endowment for the sole purpose of overseeing the allowable usages of Conservation Restrictions placed on the Town of Plymouth Community Preservation Act land. This payment will cover 24 Conservation Restrictions. The Wildlands Trust holds over 2,000 acres of restrictions with the Town of Plymouth. This is a result of over 19 years of a partnership between the Town of Plymouth and The Wildlands Trust.

MEMORANDUM

To: Board of Selectmen
From: David Gould, Director Marine & Environmental Affairs
RE: Signatures for Outstanding Conservation Restrictions

Any land acquisitions in which Community Preservation Act funds are utilized to acquire land for open space must have a permanent restriction recorded per M.G.L Chapter 44B Section 12. Since 2016 DMEA has been working to resolve 24 CR's required by the statute. Currently there are 21 outstanding conservation restrictions and 3 outstanding recreational restrictions. To expedite the process, the Commonwealth has recommended Super CR's where each restriction pertains to several similar properties. The State is requiring all outstanding restrictions be recorded so that the Town remains eligible for State grant funding. The following are included for the Select Board signatures:

CR Amendment #8 – 991 Old Sandwich Road 2017 (adjacent to current CR)

Super CR #36 – Forest/Large Landscape Block Conservation Restriction

- Off Hedges Pond Road, Hedges Pond
- 1247 Old Sandwich Road, Off Old Sandwich Road
- Perseverance Path
- 30 Lake Road
- Old Sandwich Road
- Off Zion's Place
- Little Sandy Pond Road
- Bourne Road, off Bourne Road
- Russell Mills Road
- Boot Pond Road
- Long Pond Road
- East side of Long Pond Road, Grassy Pond

Super CR #37 – Riparian Corridor Conservation Restriction

- 82-84 Billington Street, Town Brook
- Little Herring Pond Road, Carters River
- 161 Taylor Avenue, Bartlett Brook, White Horse Beach

Super CR #38 – Bog Habitats Conservation Restriction

- Off State Road, Savery Pond
- Off Center Hill Road
- Black Cat Road, Billington Sea

CR # 39 –Condon Property off of Roxy Cahoon Road 2019

CR#40 – Huntley Property off of Newfield Street 2019