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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner, on behalf of the Conservation Commission

DATE: September 10, 2019

SUBJECT: Resolution appropriating the sum of \$8,500 for the stewardship fees and operation costs for the Fisk Road Easement to Five Rivers Conservation Trust and Authorizing the transfer of \$8,500 from the Conservation Reserve to the Conservation Property Fund.

Recommendation

Approve the appropriation of \$8,500 from the Conservation Fund for the stewardship fees and operation costs.

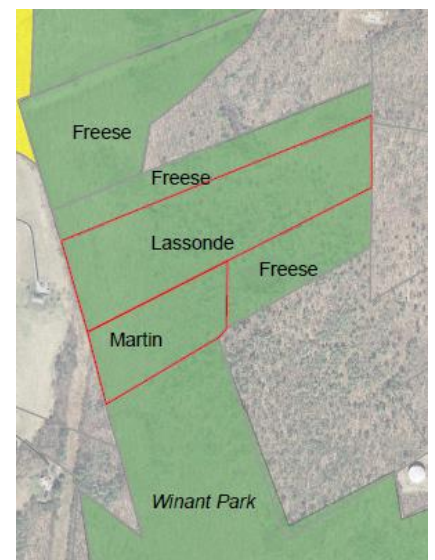
Background

In 2018, the City acquired the Lassonde and Martin lots located off Fisk Road, legally described as Tax Map 100 Block 2 Lot 19, and Tax Map 102 Block 2 Lot 21. To ensure the permanent protection of the land, the Conservation Commission approached Five Rivers Conservation Trust (FRCT), which held easements on surrounding parcels. FRCT agreed to amend the existing easement on the Freese and Winant parcels to include the Lassonde and Martin lots. FRCT required a one-time stewardship fee and operational costs for the acceptance and long-term monitoring of the conservation easement in the amount of \$8,500.

On February 11, 2019, City Council approved Resolution No. 9167 approving the granting of a conservation easement to FRCT, and appropriating \$8,500 from the Conservation Reserve for associated stewardship fees and operational costs.

Discussion

Following approval from City Council, FRCT drafted the proposed easement amendments to include the additional parcels. The amended easement required approval from the State of NH Attorney General's



office. Upon review and acceptance by the City Solicitor's office, the amended easement was submitted to the Attorney General's office for review and approval. The final, approved easement was not ready until August 2019. However, the appropriated funds lapsed on June 30, 2019 with the end of the fiscal year. The easement document was recorded in August 2019. The Conservation Commission requests that the funds be re-appropriated to cover the stewardship fees and operational costs owed to FRCT.

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