



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Carlos P. Baía, Deputy City Manager – Development

DATE: January 20, 2016

SUBJECT: Request from the State of New Hampshire Department of Safety to Use City Land for Training Exercises

Recommendation

Accept this report authorizing the City Manager to enter into an agreement with the New Hampshire Department of Safety, Division of Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services (hereafter the “State”) to allow the State to utilize a currently vacant +/-20 acre City property on the west side of North State Street to conduct periodic rope rescue training.

Background

The City owns a +/- 20 acre wooded parcel limited by Lake Street to the north, Abbotville Road to the south and North State Street to the east (see attached map). This lot is quite steep in places and has a significant granite culvert that provides an ideal training site for ropes-focused rescue exercises.

Discussion

The State has requested (see attached) to use this property periodically (likely two times per year) for a day-long training exercise for students at the NH Fire Academy. There would be no significant clearing, loud noise, burning or smoke involved in this exercise. It would consist of 12-20 trainees practicing tactical rope rescues. Trainees could include, but would not be limited to, City of Concord Fire Department personnel. Participants would be carpooled in to avoid impacts on the abutting neighborhood street network. The State has agreed to provide the necessary insurance and indemnification required by the City.

The City would reserve the right to terminate this agreement at its discretion.