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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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DATE: September 18, 2017

SUBJECT: Authorization to Accept Monetary Gifts for Conservation Purposes

Recommendation

It is recommended that City Council approve the acceptance and appropriation of the monetary contributions cited below for the purpose indicated.

Contributor	Amount	Purpose
Public Service Company of New Hampshire, DBA Eversource Energy	\$7,500	This money was contributed along with Conservation Easement land granted to the City. This money will be utilized for the stewardship of conservation lands managed by the Conservation Commission.
Public Service Company of New Hampshire, DBA Eversource Energy	\$2,500	This money was contributed to make up for the difference in value between the land and the easement value. This money will be utilized for the purchase of Conservation land.

Background

1. In June 2017, the applicant requested a modification to the previously approved Major Site Plan application, to instead convey a Conservation Easement along with monetary contribution for land stewardship. At the June 23, 2017 meeting, the Planning Board approved the request and required that the Applicant convey the Conservation Easement along with stewardship fees and a monetary contribution equal to the difference in value between the land and the easement value.
2. At the September 11, 2017 meeting, City Council authorized the City Manager to accept the conservation easement of 12.507 acres at 40 Farmwood Road. The Conservation Easement Deed was recorded at the Merrimack County Registry of Deeds on September 14, 2017 (Book 3569, Page 2662).
3. The purpose of the Stewardship fee is to cover costs incurred by the City for conservation easement/land stewardship activities, including, but not limited to, monitoring, landowner contact,

enforcement, reporting, surveying, boundary marking, conservation education, etc. Stewardship costs can include City staff time, consultant fees, and legal fees. A resolution to establish a Conservation Stewardship Fund has been submitted separately for City Council approval.

4. The \$2,500 contribution is the difference in value between the land and the easement value, as determined by a Real Estate Appraisal prepared by Crafts Appraisal Associates, Ltd., dated August 9, 2017. The \$2,500 shall be appropriated to the existing Conservation Fund for the purpose of purchasing conservation land.

Discussion

Upon the City Council's approval of this report, the funds will be appropriated and utilized as indicated above.