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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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

DATE: June 19, 2018

SUBJECT: Resolution approving the acquisition of open space off Fisk Road, and authorizing the expenditure of up to \$13,400 from the Conservation Fund for this purpose, as recommended by the Conservation Commission.

Recommendation

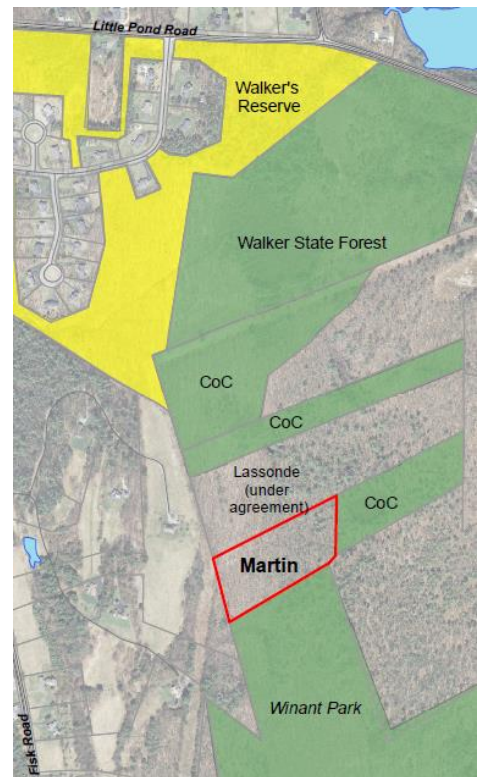
Set a public hearing for August 13, 2018 on a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to acquire land for open space purposes located off of Fisk Road, and appropriate \$13,400 from the Conservation Fund for the acquisition of said parcel.

Background

In April 2018, the City of Concord Conservation Commission approached the Martin Family regarding the possibility of the City purchasing a parcel of land legally described as Tax Map 102 Block 2 Lot 21, consisting of approximately 8.3 acres, located off of Fisk Road. The project will add to a block of conservation land totaling nearly 180 acres. Winant Park is located adjacent to the south of the parcel. The Lassonde property located adjacent to the north is under agreement to be transferred to the City in accordance with the land swap approved by City Council in June 2018.

Discussion

An appraisal was completed utilizing funds from the Commission's FY18 operating budget. The property was appraised at \$12,600, as of April 26, 2018. In May 2018, after negotiations between the Commission and the Martin family, the family agreed to sell the property at a cost of \$13,400, which is \$800 over the appraised value. The Martin family requested the additional funds to cover tax payments. The Commission anticipates providing the purchase



price from the City's Conservation Trust Fund, contingent on a City Council approval.

The Conservation Commission voted unanimously, at a public hearing on June 13, 2018, in favor of the acquisition of the ±8.39 acre parcel, allocating no more than the sum of \$13,400 from the Conservation Fund. Further, the Commission declared its purposes in taking these actions to acquire this property and allocate the funding for the same are to maintain, improve, protect, limit the future use of, and otherwise conserve and properly utilize this property as open space together with other land and water resources within the City.