



CITY OF CONCORD

REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

Memo

Date: April 5, 2016

To: Conservation Commission,
Christopher Morgan, Chair

From: Kathy Temchack,
Director of Real Estate Assessments

RE: Current use change tax quarterly update

1st Quarter 2016

Property owners who have 10 or more acres left in its natural state as forest land, unproductive land, wetlands, and farm land may apply for current use taxation. Property approved under current use is valued for property taxes as farm and forest land and not at market value. When the land is developed or falls below the 10 acres minimum, a one-time penalty of 10% of the market value of the land no longer in current use is assessed and billed to the property owner. The penalty is in addition to their regular property taxes. The money collected from the current use penalties, per an earlier city council vote, is split 50/50 between the Conservation Trust Fund and the Highway Fund.

Three current use penalties totaling \$20,500 were mailed during the 1st quarter of 2016.

Four payments for current use penalties were collected during the first quarter for \$24,320.

Attached is the list of paid and unpaid accounts.

CC: Mayor and Council

Brian LeBrun, Finance Director

Mike Jache, Treasurer

Nancy Larson, Staff Liaison to Conservation Commission