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REPORT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Beth Fenstermacher, Assistant City Planner

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SUBJECT: Request to renew an Agricultural Lease for a 2-year term for the conservation property located on Gully Hill Road, as recommended by the Conservation Commission.

Recommendation

Accept this report.

Background

In 2017, the City Council authorized the issuance of an Agricultural Lease for the fields off Gully Hill road. Based on recommendations of the Gully Hill Easement Ad Hoc Committee, the lease was issued for a maximum term of 3 years with the option to renew for one additional 2-year term, subject to City Council approval.

Discussion

The lease was awarded to Sloping Acres Farm, and the initial 3-year term expires on December 31, 2020. The Lessee requests that the lease be renewed for the 2-year term. The lease included provisions to allow for fireworks and an expansion of the Merrimack River Greenway Trail, if feasible. The renewal will contain the same terms.

Recommendations

At their July 8, 2020 meeting, the Conservation Commission voted to recommend that City Council authorize the lease renewal for one additional 2-year term, which shall include the same provisions for additional uses on the property.