

CITY OF CONCORD

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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

DATE: April 1, 2021

FROM: Thomas J. Aspell, Jr., City Manager

SUBJECT: 111 ½ Warren Street – City Stable Acquisition

Recommendation:

Authorize the City Manager to acquire property at 111 ½ Warren Street currently owned by the Concord School District for the purpose of creating a museum from the Concord (City) Stable Building to house and display, among other items, historic Abbott Downing horse drawn carriages.

Background:

The City of Concord, in coordination with the Abbott Downing Historical Society, approached the Concord School District to request that the former City Stable and a small amount of adjacent property be subdivided off of the existing 3.7 acre site to create a 0.52 acre site. The Concord School District approved the request.

In 1994, the City transferred the property to the Concord School District for no cost. The conveyance contained a deed restriction that the School District only utilize the land for educational purposes, otherwise the property would be conveyed back to the City. Over the years the building has deteriorated and no viable educational use or planned use has occurred.

Discussion:

The conveyance will include the building as well as an access easement to the property, eight (8) parking spaces adjacent to the property and a sanitary sewer easement across a portion of the property.

The Concord School District will reserve an access easement across a portion of the acquired property to continue it access to the remaining property for the benefit of its students and staff.