

Town Meeting Report *Updates*

ARTICLE 12

Board of Selectmen

Acquire Land at 31 Boxborough Road for Conservation

[2/3rds vote required]

Motion: Moved and seconded by the Board of Selectmen that the Town vote

- (i) to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain, for a purchase price of \$1,273,758, the fee interest in a two parcels of land located at 31 Boxborough Road: Parcel A, containing approximately 32.25 acres of land, and Parcel B containing approximately 2.86 acres of land, both as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Littleton, Mass. owned by Joyce W. Williams," prepared by David E. Ross Associates, Inc. and dated July, 2016, which map is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and being a portion of the property described in a deed recorded in the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds in Book 14640, Page 109, together with and subject to all rights, restrictions and easements of record, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine; provided that said land is to be conveyed to the Town of Littleton under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 8C of the General Laws, as it may be hereafter amended, and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation and passive recreation, to be managed and controlled by the Littleton Conservation Commission;
- (ii) to appropriate the funds necessary to pay the costs of acquiring the property described herein, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, (a) by transferring from CPA Open Space Reserve the sum of \$260,000; (b) by transferring from CPA Undesignated Reserve the sum of \$210,000; (c) by appropriating and borrowing the sum of \$403,758, and authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 44B, or any other enabling authority; and (d) by appropriating and borrowing the sum of \$400,000, and authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, as authorized by M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority provided that such appropriation shall be contingent upon the award of a grant of \$400,000 under the Commonwealth's Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program; and provided further that to the extent any federal, state or other funds are or become available for the purposes outlined in this Article, the Board of Selectmen and any other applicable boards or commissions of the Town are authorized to apply for and accept such funds and that the amount authorized to be borrowed for this purpose shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts received by the Town on account of this project; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Littleton to effect said acquisition or purchase or grants.

Community Preservation Committee, Board of Selectmen, and Conservation Commission support Article 12.