

Executive Summary

Date: November 18, 2016
To: Seth Morton, Moderator, RTM
From: Kate Clarke Buch, Town Administrator
RE: Purchase of Land at Ox Ridge Hunt Club and Appropriation for same

At the November 7, 2016 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Board approved the purchase of 16.296 +/- acres of land at 512 Middlesex Road and recommended approval of same to the Representative Town Meeting. At the same meeting, the Board of Selectmen approved a resolution authorizing the appropriation of \$6,340,000, which includes the \$6,250,000 purchase price and \$90,000 for financing costs, and the issuance of bonds to finance said appropriation. They also recommended approval of the appropriation and bond authorization to the Board of Finance and the Representative Town Meeting. The Board of Finance approved the appropriation and bonding authorization and recommended same to the Representative Town Meeting at their regular meeting on November 15, 2016. The Board of Selectmen has also requested a report from Planning & Zoning in accordance with §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes. It is expected that Planning & Zoning will take the matter up at their meeting on November 22, 2016.

The property will remain subject to the amended Declaration of Open Space entered into by the Town and the Ox Ridge Hunt Club, expiring in 2042. Until that time, the use of the property will be limited to certain types of use. No permanent structures will be built, except for a potential comfort station not to exceed 1000 sq. ft in size. The Town plans to have the property maintained and managed by the Parks & Recreation Department, though it will not be dedicated as parkland. Attached to this memo is a document with answers to anticipated questions that may be raised.