

City of Framingham



The City Council of Framingham



ORDER NO. 2020-078-001
REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE FINANCE SUBCOMMITTEE, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

That the City Council authorize the Conservation Commission to apply for, accept, and expend a grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, Division of Conservation Services' Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant Program.

- WHEREAS: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) Division of Conservation Services (DCS) is making funding available through the Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program;
- WHEREAS: The LAND Program was established in 1961 to assist municipal conservation commissions in acquiring land for natural resources protection and passive outdoor recreational purposes;
- WHEREAS: The permanent preservation of open space is a priority of the City of Framingham; and
- WHEREAS: The City of Framingham ("Framingham")'s City Council will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$175,000 for the purpose of acquiring a perpetual Conservation Restriction pursuant to MGL, chapter 184, sections 26 through and including 32 for conservation and passive recreation purposes, by negotiated purchase or otherwise and to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Framingham, in accordance with MGL, chapter 44, section 8C.
- WHEREAS: Framingham currently hold title two parcels identified on the Framingham Assessors Map as Parcel 025-07-5826 having an address as 0 Chickatawbut Road containing approximately 6.49 acres of land and as Parcel 025-06-7184-000 having an address of 251 Edmands approximately 14.83 acres of land which are known collectively as "Chickatawbut Woods"
- WHEREAS: Framingham intends to submit an application to EEA to fund up to 62% of the cost to acquire a perpetual Conservation Restriction from the Sudbury Valley Trustees to encumber the parcel identified on the Framingham Assessors Map as Parcel 025-07-3089-000 having an address of 261 Edmands Road, containing 17.67 acres of land more or less,

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so that a total of the approximately 38.99 contiguous acres of land may be preserved for recreation, education, and conservation of a non-commercial nature.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THAT:

1. The Mayor or her designee be and is hereby authorized and requested to file any and all applications with EEA deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts deemed necessary under MGL, chapter 132A, section 11 for a LAND grant; and that
2. The Mayor or her designee be and is hereby authorized to accept grant funds and execute contracts and any amendment thereto in order to carry out the terms, purposes and conditions of EEA DCS LAND Grant Program, and that
3. The Mayor or her designee be and is hereby authorized to take such other actions as are necessary to out the terms, purposes and conditions of EEA, DCS LAND Grant Program; and that
4. The Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, be and is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of \$175,000 under MGL, chapter 44, section 8C.

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini, Steiner, Stewart-Morales

NAYS: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing

PASSED IN COUNCIL: SEPTEMBER 3, 2020

A TRUE RECORD, ATTEST:

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily L. Butler, Assistant City Clerk

9/16/2020
Date Approved

Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor

9/28/2020
Date Approved