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RESOLUTION #2015-18 OF DURHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE AND EXPENDITURE OF GRANT FUNDS TOTALING \$25,000.00 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING THE APPROXIMATELY 43.4 ACRE THOMPSON PROPERTY ON THE LAMPREY RIVER, SAID GRANTS BEING A \$15,000 FROM THE NH MOOSE PLATE PROGRAM AND \$10,000 FROM THE PISCATAQUA REGION ESTUARY PARTNERSHIP (PREP)

WHEREAS, the Thompson tract on the Lamprey River has long been identified by the Durham community as an important property for conservation dating back to a map prepared by John Hatch in the 1980s all the way up through Durham's 2000 Master Plan, the Conservation Commission's most current "Conservation Focus Areas" map, and the current draft Master Plan update's "Conservation Focus Areas"; and

WHEREAS, the Town is working with the New Hampshire Southeast Land Trust (SELT) to acquire the fee simple interest in the approximately 43.4 acre Thompson property which has approximately 2,000 feet of frontage on Wednesday Hill Road and approximately 3,500 feet of frontage on the Lamprey River; and

WHEREAS, upon acquiring this tract of land the Town would then permanently conserve the land by granting a conservation easement to the New Hampshire Southeast Land Trust (SELT); and

WHEREAS, the Town has been awarded two grants that would be used toward acquiring the Thompson parcel: A \$15,000 NH Moose Plate Program Grant; and a \$10,000 Piscataqua Region Estuary Partnership (PREP) Grant; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire Revised Statutes Annotated (RSA) 31:95-b authorizes the Town Council to apply for, accept and expend, without further action by the town or village district meeting, unanticipated money from the state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year if they first adopt an article authorizing this authority indefinitely until specific rescission of such authority; and

WHEREAS, On July 12, 1999, the Town Council adopted Resolution #99-19 granting the above cited authority to the Town Council; and



WHEREAS, RSA 31:95-b III (a) states that: "For unanticipated moneys in the amount of \$10,000 or more, the selectmen or board of commissioners shall hold a prior public hearing on the action to be taken. Notice of the time, place, and subject of such hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the relevant municipality at least 7 days before the hearing is held." and;

WHEREAS, on June 15, 2015 a duly posted Public Hearing was held by the Durham Town Council in accordance with RSA 31:95 cited above,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Durham Town Council, the governing and legislative body of the Town of Durham, New Hampshire does hereby adopt Resolution #2015-18 authorizing the acceptance and expenditure of two grants totaling \$25,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring the approximately 43.4 acre Thompson property on the Lamprey River, said grants being a \$15,000 from the NH Moose Plate Program and \$10,000 from the Piscataqua Region Estuary Partnership (PREP).

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 15th day of June, 2015 by a majority vote of the Durham Town Council with Nine (9) voting in favor, Zero (0) voting against, and Zero (0) abstaining.



Jay B. Gooze, Chair
Durham Town Council

ATTEST:


Lorrie L. Pitt, Town Clerk/Tax Collector