



## Notice of Public Decision

PER RSA 36-A:5II, the Conservation Commission opened a Public Hearing on May 9, 2022, that was continued to May 23, 2022; the May 9 hearing was held in Room #2, the continuance was held in Room #1, during a Select Board meeting.

The Hearing allowed public input for the use of funds from the town's Conservation Fund to assist in the debt service on land located at Map 29, Lot 8, also known as Mulligan Forest.

At Town Meeting, voters expressed their support of warrant articles pursuant to the Conservation Fund and the Mulligan Forest bond. Subsequently, Commissioners discussed how to financially assist the town and yet maintain a robust Fund for current and future projects. A determination was made to direct a sum of approximately 50% of the debt from the Fund. During the Public Hearing, Select Board members as well as the attending public had opportunities to provide comment and to ask questions of the Commission members.

Chair Sam Demeritt conducted the hearing. Other Conservation Commission members present were Cheryl Smith, Mary Colvard, Susan Mooney, and Debra Kimball (5-9-22).

On 5-9-22, the hearing convened at 7:00 PM, was continued to 5-23-22 at 7:40 PM; was reconvened at 7:05 on 5-23-22 and closed at 7:12 PM.

At the first session, ten (10) members of the public attended and all but one, who remained silent, expressed their support of conservation. At the second session, there were nine (9) members of the public, all new attendees, but one. No one spoke during the hearing but did speak to the Commission and the Board after the hearing closed about a potential large development in their area of town and requested that there would be resources available to financially assist in order to conserve the parcels as open space and to preserve their scenic road from upgrades.

Both sessions opened with a summary of the topic history and explanations of the considerations and deliberations held by the Commission which culminated in this public hearing. Comments were solicited from the Board and members of the public.

At the close of the hearing, the Select Board voted to approve the release of \$117,000 from the Conservation Fund to be directed toward the Mulligan Forest bond debt.

Thank You Nottingham!