

Marston Property Fact Sheet

Background on Property Ownership

- The so-called 'Marston Farm' is located in the southeast section of Town, at the intersection of Case Road and Mill Pond Road (Long. 43.1196, Lat. -71.0485).
- The Marston family owned this property thru the 1800's until Elbridge G. Marston sold "the Homestead Farm" in 1903. The more recent owner was Mr. Don Lee. The Town has owned the property since 2009.
- The Town of Nottingham, worked with the NH Department of Environmental Services to clean up hazardous waste and materials located on the property starting in the late 1990's. The NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) issued an Administrative order to Mr. Lee in 2001 regarding the clean-up of the hazardous material, and placed a lien on the property for repayment of the cleanup costs.
- An agreement between the Town of Nottingham and NH DES took place in 2013 for release of the lien. The agreement stated the Town would own the property on a permanent basis and it would be used only for public purposes.

Description of Marston Property

- The westerly side of the property is bounded in part by the Little River.
- The property in total is approximately 45 acres. There is approximately 10-acres of mowed field located along the northerly side of the property, and bounded by Mill Pond Road. The remaining of the property is wooded with young saplings and large white pines along the Little River boundary.
- Based on the 1994 Soil Survey of Rockingham County, a majority of the on-site slopes are nearly level to gently sloping. Generally speaking, the soil types are a mix of sand & gravel deposits to sandy loam. These soils are well suited for urban development and agricultural uses.
- There are areas of wetlands located on "The Marston Farm" along the Little River and at the southeast corner of the property. These wetland areas should remain well protected from any improvements that may occur on the site.
- The Little River is classified as a "Designated River", based on the NH DES Shoreland Protection Program. This means that in addition to any local zoning regulation or setbacks, the State enforces further protection within a 250ft buffer of the Little River.
- Based on the FEMA Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), portions of the property are shown to be located within a Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA). These areas are located along the Little River and the wetland system located at the southeast corner of the property.
- Per agreement with the State of NH, the property cannot be sold or leased for commercial purposes.

Formation of the Marston Property Exploratory Committee

- During the 2013 budget process the Board of Selectmen proposed a 2014 Town Meeting Warrant Article for the final stages of clean up on the property of demolition of the remaining buildings, which was completed in July 2014.
- In 2014 the Board of Selectmen established a sub-committee named the Marston Property Exploratory Committee (MPEC). The Committee is chaired by Selectmen Donna Danis and its goal is to gather community input and develop a recommendation for the best public use(s) of the property.

For Additional Info: email MPEC@nottingham-NH.gov or call Selectperson, Donna Danis at 603-785-3555.