Town of Auburn Board of Selectmen June 19, 2017 Town Hall 7:00 p.m.

() Call to Order – Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of Payroll for Week of June 12th, 2017
Approval of Accounts Payable for Week of June 19th, 2017
Consent Agenda – as of June 19th, 2017

() Appointments with the Board

() New Business
Reproduction of Trails Map
Review of Tax Deeded Properties
Proposal for Public Auction of Six Properties
Resignation of Cemetery Trustee
Contribution Assurance Program for WC and Property & Liability Coverage
Replacement of Deck Rails on Library

() Old Business
Potential Site Walk of Eddows Recreational Fields
Update on Special Election
Supplemental Highway Block Grant Funds
HB 463 – Perfluorinated Chemicals (PFOA)
Old Candia Road Culvert Hazard Mitigation Grant Project

- () Other Business
- () Minutes
 - June 5th, 2017 Public Meeting
- () Adjourn

Note: "Any person with a disability who wishes to attend this public meeting and needs to be provided reasonable accommodations in order to participate, please contact the Board of Selectmen's Secretary at (603) 483-5052 x100, so that arrangements can be made."

Town of Auburn

Town Hall 47 Chester Road P.O. Box 309 Auburn, NH 03032



Town Administrator

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Bill Herman, CPM, Town Administrator

Date: June 16, 2017

Re: Potential Sale of Tax Deeded Properties

At the Board's request, we have listed a review of tax deeded properties on the agenda for your June 19th meeting. The Board has expressed an interest in offering for sale some of the properties the Town currently holds by Tax Collector deeds.

Since providing the Board with the attached list of 14 potential lots on May 8th, conversations I have had with some professionals in the field suggest that is too many properties to offer for sale at one time. It was suggested offering a group of perhaps six lots would produce a better sale and better results.

With that in mind, I would recommend the Board consider the potential sale of the lots identified as #11, #14, #15, #20, #21 and #22 on the master list. We had asked Building Inspector Carrie Rouleau-Cote to review these properties and provide you with zoning determinations on the properties, which are attached.

The provisions of RSA 80:80 require the Board to offer for sale any property secured by Tax Collector deed by either advertised sealed bid or by public auction. Based on the past experience the Town had with St. Jean Auctioneers of Epping in selling tax deed property, I contacted them and provided them with information on these six lots in order to secure a proposal for the potential sale of these properties. Attached for your information and consideration is their proposal. It comes after they performed their own on-site review of the six properties to generally know their conditions.

At this point, I believe there are two decisions for the Board to make. One is whether to offer the proposed six lots for sale. And the second is whether to accept the proposal for the auction of the properties submitted by St. Jean Auctioneers. If you are in agreement with offering these six lots for sale, it would be appropriate for the Board to formally record the following votes:

Move for the Town of Auburn to offer for sale by public auction properties identified as Tax Tax Map 12, Lots 16-1 and 16-2; Tax Map 17, Lots 6, 18 and 84.

Move for the Town to accept and approve the proposal submitted by James R. St. Jean Auctioneers dated June 13, 2017 for the sale of five tax deed properties in the Town of Auburn, and to further authorize the Town Administrator to sign the proposal on behalf of the Town.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments

TOWN OWNED PROPERTIES FOR BOS REVIEW

	<u>Tax Map / Lot</u>	<u>Location</u>	Acres	<u>Year</u>	How Acquired	<u>Book</u>	Page
#1	TM 1, L 7	Land, Rattlesnake Hill Road	42 acres	1999	Tax Collector Deed	3415	1621
#2	TM 1, L 36	Land, Cameo Court	26.509 acres	1992	Warranty Deed	2918	1997
#3	TM 1, L 36-1	Land, Ridge Court	23.800 acres	1988	Donated		
#4	TM 2, L 40	Land, Pingree Hill Road	34.000 acres	1976	Tax Collector Deed	2268	546
#5	TM 2, L 48	Land, Pingree Hill Road	1.000 acre	1997	Tax Collector Deed	3218	2298
#6	TM 2, L 50	Land, off Pingree Hill Road	7.500 acres	1983	Tax Collector Deed	2445	294
#7	TM 4, L 24 - 11	Land, Rockwood Terrace	0.500 acres	1981	Green Space		
#8	TM 5, L 9	Land, Rattlesnake Hill Road	3.287 acres	1974	Green Space	2226	474
#9	TM 5, L 10 - 10	Land, off Pingree Hill Road	2.000 acres	1974	Green Space	2227	1046
#10	TM 5, L 45	Land, Calef Road	2.000 acres	1970	Green Space		
#11	TM 8, L 8	Land, Bunker Hill Road	5.286 acres	2006	Tax Collector Deed	4706	71
#12	TM 9, L 16-19	Land, Star Circle	3.304 acres	1970	Green Space		
	(Shown in Enlarge	ment on Sheet #33)					
#13	TM 9, L 39	Land, Hooksett Road	0.400 acres	2011	Tax Collector Deed	5214	2435
#14	TM 12, L 16-1	Land, Hooksett & Hills Roads	2.000 acres	1992	Tax Collector Deed	2957	1808
#15	TM 12, L 16-2	Land, Hills Road	2.020 acres	1992	Tax Collector Deed	2957	1809
#16	TM 12, Lot 16-12	Land, Meadow Lane	5.340 acres	1980	Green Space	2377	513
#17	TM 13, L 2	Land, Old Candia Road	0.250 acres	1992	Tax Collector Deed	2950	2297
#18	TM 13, L 23	Land, Joan Drive	3.000 acres	2002	Green Space		
#19	TM 13, L 24	Land, Old Candia / Depot Roads	0.750 acres	1996	Tax Collector Deed	3156	2108
#20	TM 17, L 6	Land, 13 Appletree Road	3.056 acres	1978	Tax Collector Deed	2376	1236
#21	TM 17, L 18	Land, Appletree Road	1.033 acres	1978	Tax Collector Deed	2329	1224
#22	TM 17, L 84	Land, Pinetree Road	0.666 acres	2013	Tax Collector Deed	5441	354
#23	TM 23, L 12	Land, Bunker Hill Road	0.110 acres	1998	Tax Collector Deed	3303	2250

Deeded restrictions -- limited to public recreation and conservation

"Green Space" or "Open Space" dontated through subdivision process.



TOWN OF AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Zoning Determination

Property Location:

Bunker Hill Road

Tax Map/Lot # 008-008

Zoning District:

Residential Two (R-2)

District Requirements: 2 Acre, 200' road frontage

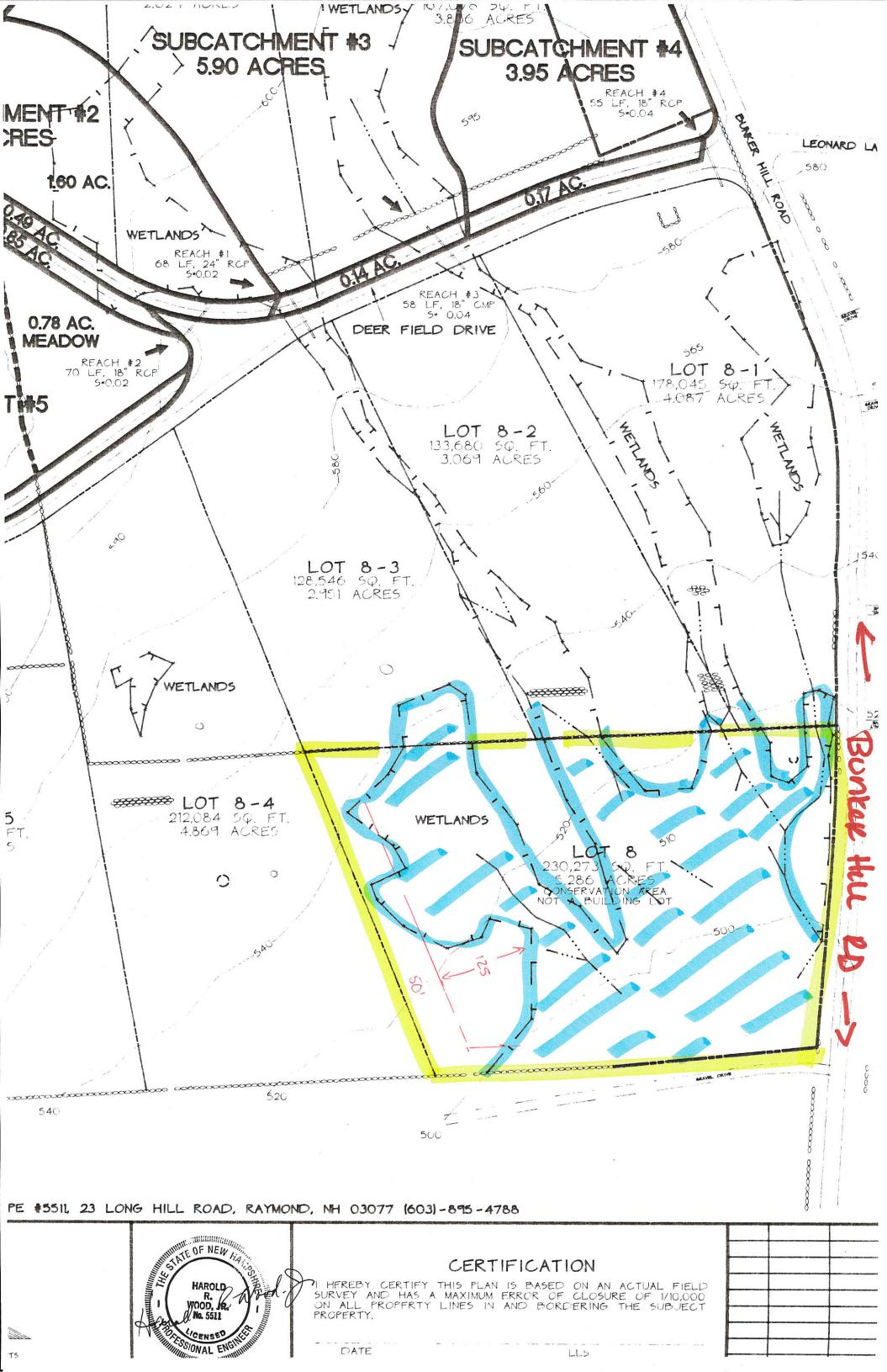
Lot conforms to dimensional requirements

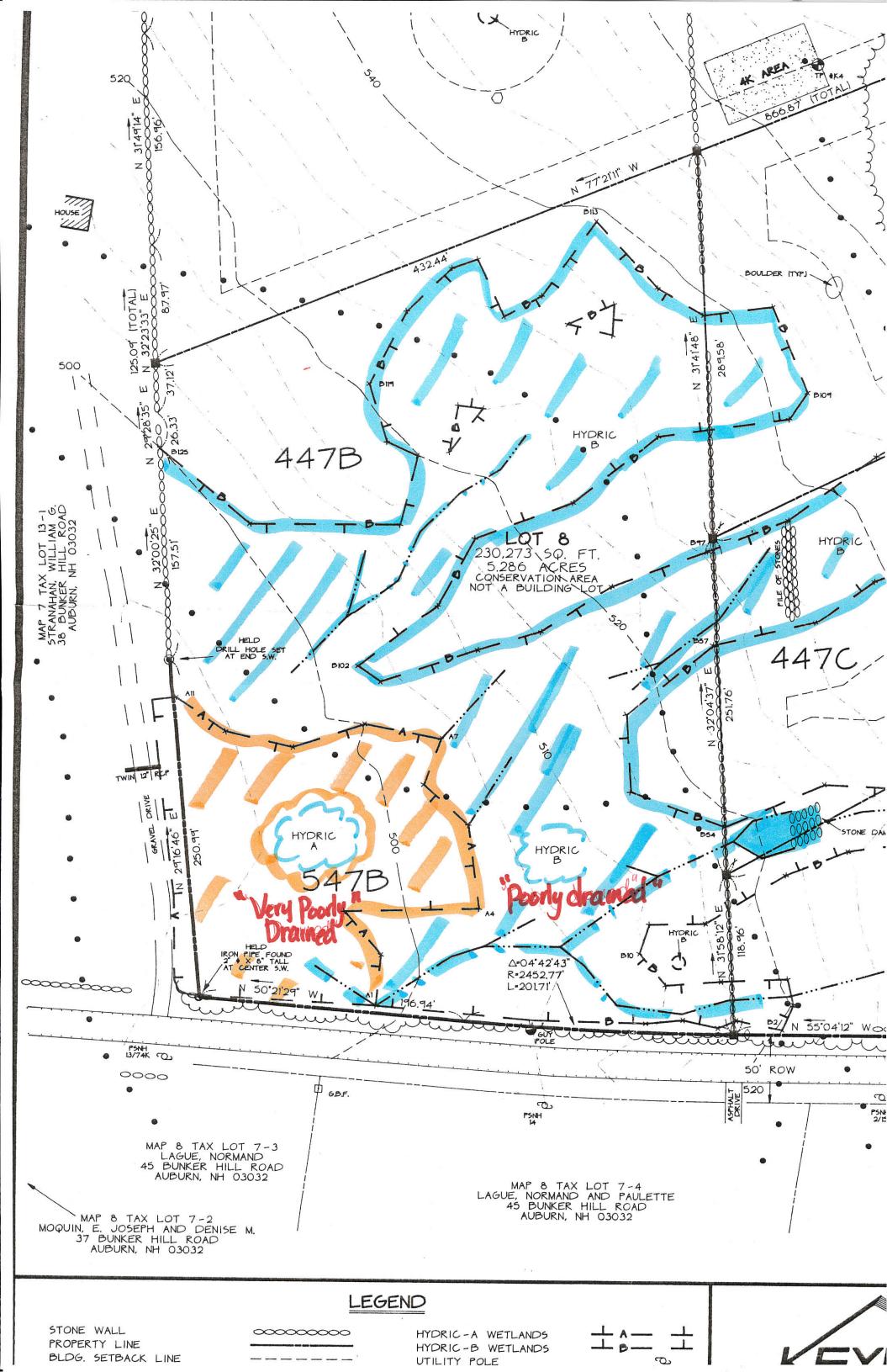
Zoning Determination:

Lot was created as part of the Nolls Farm Subdivision in 1996

There is no acceptable "building envelope" on the parcel. The majority of the parcel is covered with jurisdictional wetlands.

Carrie Rouleau-Côté **Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer** Date:







TOWN OF AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

Zoning Determination

Property Location: Hills Road at Hooksett Road (corner lot)

Tax Map/Lot # 012-016-001

Zoning District:

Residential One (R-1)

District Requirements: 2 Acre, 200' road frontage

Lot conforms to dimensional requirements

"Corner Lot" requires 50' building setback from all property lines.

Zoning Determination:

Lot was created as part of the Hills Road Subdivision in 1976

State Subdivision Approval 10685, issued August 13, 1976 expresses that "Lots 1 & 2 to remain as non-building lots (green area)."

Actions Required:

- To be eligible for building permit, property would need to file for subdivision with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- Amendment of previous subdivision approval will be necessary through the Town of Auburn Planning Board. Suitable building envelopes will need to be demonstrated relative to property line and wetland setbacks.

Carrie Rouleau-Côté Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Date: 06/15/2017



TOWN OF AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Determination

Property Location: Hills Road

Tax Map/Lot # 012-016-00

Zoning District: Residential One (R-1)

District Requirements: 2 Acre, 200' road frontage

Lot conforms to dimensional requirements

Zoning Determination:

Lot was created as part of the Hills Road Subdivision in 1976

 State Subdivision Approval 10685, issued August 13, 1976 expresses that "Lots 1 & 2 to remain as non-building lots (green area)."

Actions Required:

- To be eligible for building permit, property would need to file for subdivision with the State of New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
- Amendment of previous subdivision approval will be necessary through the Town of Auburn Planning Board. Suitable building envelopes will need to be demonstrated relative to property line and wetland setbacks.
- Tax Map indicates lot is bisected by wetland. (stream)

Carrie Rouleau-Côté
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Date: 06/15/2017

APPROVAL FOR SUBDIVISION

APPROVAL NO. 10685

The subdivision identified	as BROAD MEADOL	NS: Lots # 3 thr	ru # 36
The state of the s	, located in 🗼	Auburn, NH	and owned by
Joseph Hujar	,	has this date,	August 13, 1976
been approved in accordance	e with the requir	ements of the Wa	ter Supply and Pollution
Control Commission as set b	Sorth in Chapter	149-E (as insert	ed by Chapter 147, Laws
of 1967) and the rules, reg	gulations, standa	rds and procedure	es promulgated thereunder.
A copy of this Plan and App	proval sent to P	lanning Board, _	Auburn, NH
This approval, based on inf	Sormation submitt	ed by the subdiv	ider, implies but does not
warrant that soil and other	conditions are	generally suitabl	le for sub-surface sewage
disposal systems within thi	s subdivision.	V () (P	
THIS APPROVAL DOES NOT	SUPERCEDE LOCAL	ORDINANCES OR RE	EGULATIONS.

CONDITION: Lots # 1, 2 to remain as non-building lots (green area).

Dredge and fill permits must be obtained where necessary.

Approved By

Authorized Agent of the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission

NOTE: ALL INDIVIDUAL SYSTEMS MUST BE SEPARATELY APPROVED BEFORE CONSTRUCTION OF THE BUILDING OR THE WASTE DISPOSAL SYSTEM.

NO LIABILITY IS INCURRED BY THE STATE by reason of any approval of subdivision plans or any approval to construct or use a sewage or waste disposal system. Approval by the New Hampshire Water Supply and Pollution Control Commission of sewage and waste disposal systems and subdivisions is based on plans and specifications supplied by the applicant. NO GUARANTEE IS INTENDED OR IMPLIED BY REASON OF ANY ADVICE GIVEN BY THE COMMISSION OR ITS STAFF.

WHITE = Applicant's copy.

YELLOW = Town's copy. PINK = File copy.

GOLDENROD = Owner's copy - For Your Record only; No Action Needed.



TOWN OF AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Determination

Property Location: Appletree Road

Tax Map/Lot # 017-006

Zoning District:

Residential One (R-1)

District Requirements: 2 Acre, 200' road frontage

Lot conforms to dimensional requirements

Zoning Determination:

- Lot was created as part of the New England Investment Mortgage Corp Subdivision in 1961.
- Pre Auburn Zoning Ordinance
- Pre State Subdivision Approval
- Lot was merged with Lot 7 in 1988
- Lot has required frontage along Appletree Road.
- There is also paper ROW access adjacent to the Appletree Park
- This lot is NOT subdivideable, not enough acreage for subdivision.
- Does not qualify for "un-merging" of non-conforming lot.

Actions Required:

- To be eligible for building permit, property would need to complete a design for septic system in accordance with State of NH DES requirements.
- A site walk may want to determine wetland limitations. This parcel may have some Level
 2 or Level 3 wetlands by definition under Auburn Zoning Ordinance.

Carrie Rouleau-Côté
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer

Date: 06/15/2017



TOWN OF AUBURN, NEW HAMPSHIRE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Zoning Determination

Property Location: Appletree Road

Tax Map/Lot # 017-018

Zoning District: Residential One (R-1)

District Requirements: 2 Acre, 200' road frontage

Lot is Non-Conforming (frontage and acreage)

Zoning Determination:

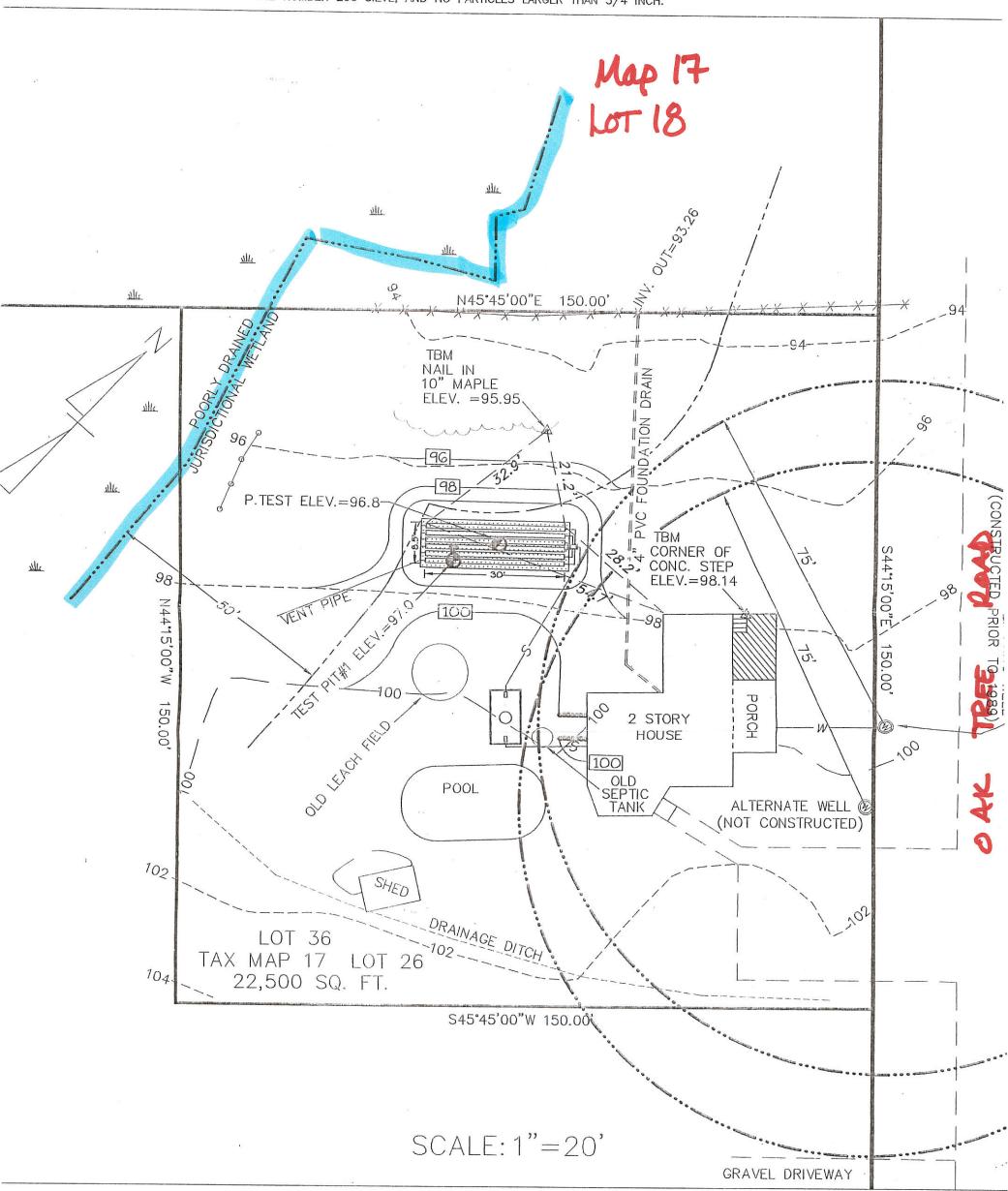
- Lot was created as part of the New England Investment Mortgage Corp Subdivision in 1961.
- Pre Auburn Zoning Ordinance
- Pre State Subdivision Approval
- Lot was merged with Lot 27 in 1988
- Lot has frontage along Appletree Road and Oak Tree Road
- Does not qualify for "un-merging" of non-conforming lot.

Actions Required:

- To be eligible for building permit, property would need to complete a design for septic system in accordance with State of NH DES requirements.
- Zoning Ordinance will allow construction on non-conforming lot, provided all construction complies with all other provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.
- A site walk may want to determine wetland limitations. This parcel may have some Level 2 or Level 3 wetlands by definition under Auburn Zoning Ordinance. Abutting lot septic plan show wetlands crossing over boundary line.

Date: 06/15/2017

Carrie Rouleau-Côté
Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer



SURVEY.

ACKS WITH RUCTION.
CONFORM
EQUIREMENTS

WETLANDS WERE DELINEATED ON THE BASIS OF HYDROPHYTIC VEGETATION, HYDRIC SOILS, AND WETLANDS HYDROLOGY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TECHNIQUES OUTLINE IN THE 'CORPS OF ENGINEERS WETLANDS DELINEATION MANUAL. TECHNICAL REPORT Y-87-1', JANUARY 1987, AND HYDRIC SOILS WERE DETERMINED BY USING THE FIELD WINDICATORS FOR IDENTIFYING HYDRIC SOILS IN NEW ENGLAND. VERSION 3', BY TIMOTHY FERWERDA, CWS

50% OR MORE OF THE LEACHFIELD IS BEYOUT FLEV. 96.8 AND WILL MAINTAIN 2.5 FT. OF GREATER TO THE SEASONAL HIGH WATER T

THERE ARE NO POORLY DRAINED WETLANDS WITHIN 50 FT. OF THE LEACHFIELD

THERE ARE NO VERY POORLY DRAINED WETI WITHIN 75 FT. OF THE LEACHFIELD



June 13, 2017

William Herman, Town Administrator Town of Auburn P.O. Box 309 Auburn, NH 03032

RE: Tax Deeded Property, Auburn, NH - Proposed Fees & Expenses

Dear Bill,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a proposal for the sale of the six vacant building lots acquired by tax collector's deed. Enclosed is a breakdown of advertising and the fee structure for the proposed absolute auction sale. We suggest a \$5,000.00 deposit for each of the lots with a closing date of not more than 45 days from the sale date. It is our understanding that the properties will be sold at absolute auction that is with no minimum or reserve bids. Should the Town of Auburn decide to place reserve bids on the lots, we would recommend that those reserve bids be in the \$15,000 - \$20,000 per lot range. We suggest selling the lots from a central location in the Town of Auburn on a Saturday morning in late July or early August 2017. Please note that this budget/fee structure is based on the premise that all 6 lots will be entered into the auction.

# Of Ads	Publication
2	Manchester Union Leader
2	NH Sunday News
2	Neighborhood Newspapers (Bedford, Goffstown, Hooksett)
2	Lawrence Eagle Tribune/Derry News Combo

In addition to the above advertisements, a two-color, one-page E-blast brochure detailing the auction properties will be produced and forwarded electronically to over 7,500 individuals on our E-mail list who have expressed interest in similar auction properties.

TOTAL APPROXIMATE ADVERTISING:

\$3,500.00

FEE STRUCTURE

- A. Third party bids and closes on properties at auction:
 - 1. 10% buyer's premium charged to buyer.
 - 2. All expenses and advertising paid by St. Jean Auctioneers.
 - 3. NO FEES OR EXPENSES CHARGED TO TOWN OF AUBURN

- B. Third party bids and fails to close on properties at auction:
 - 1. Town of Auburn retains bidder's deposit.
 - 2. Fee of 50% of retained deposits paid to St. Jean Auctioneers
- C. Town of Auburn removes lot(s) from sale once marketing effort commences or fails to deliver title to property(s) at closing:
 - 1. Flat fee of \$150.00 per property charged to Town of Auburn
 - 2. Advertising paid by the Town of Auburn (if 4 or more properties are removed)

SERVICES PROVIDED FOR AUCTION INCLUDE:

- auction posted on our website: www.jsjauctions.com for three weeks prior to sale
- showing property as requested by potential bidders
- marking boundary lines on properties if permitted
- brochure mailed to abutter's of all properties
- auction signs displayed on property if permitted
- copies of Purchase & Sales Agreement, brochures and plot plan properly displayed at auction sale
- PowerPoint presentation on day of sale highlighting properties for sale (if sale is conducted at Town Hall or other off-site location)
- outstanding real estate taxes including interest and cost through day of sale made available (if applicable)
- voice recording of sale

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jay T. St. Jean James R. St. J	ean Auctioneers	
Approved by:		
Date:		_
For:	TOWN OF AUBURN	

June 12, 2017

To: Selectmen Town of Auburn, NH

From: Donald Marzloff

Sub: Resignation

Due to my extended absences from town for work and personal travel I must resign my position of Cemetery Trustee.

Donald Maryloff
Donald Marzloff

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Town of Auburn

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Town Administrator

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Bill Herman, CPM, Town Administrator

Date: June 13, 2017

Re: Contribution Assurance Program for Workers' Compensation Program and

Property & Liability Program

Finance Director Adele Frisella is presenting to the Board proposals from Primex for a three-year Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) for the Town's workers' compensation program and property & liability program. The CAP offerings <u>do not</u> set the Town's future rates for these coverages, but guarantees the Town's rates will not increase more than maximums set by the CAP program.

As you will see, the maximum rate increase is 8% per year for the workers' compensation program and 9% per year for the property & liability program.

The Town of Auburn had been enrolled in similar programs with Primex in the past, but had not been eligible for participation for the past two years due to some high claims the Town had experienced. The Town of Auburn is being offered this potential again based on the Town's positive performance in these areas for the past few years.

As presented, the CAP offerings establish known maximums for budgeting purposes for the ensuing three years – although our actual rates may well come in below the maximums. If accepted, the CAP agreements extend the Town's current Primex membership agreement for the ensuing three years.

The deadline for accepting the CAP Program offers is July 24, 2017.

If you are in agreement with participating in the Primex Contribution Assurance Program for the Workers' Compensation Program and the Property & Liability Program, it would be appropriate for the Board to formally record the following vote:

Move for the Town of Auburn to adopt the resolutions to enter into the Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program for CY 2018 – CY2020 and the Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program for CY2019 – CY 2021, and to further authorize the Chair of the Board of Selectmen to sign the original resolutions and Contribution Assurance Program Agreements as presented which extends the Town of Auburn's membership agreement with Primex..

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments



May 22, 2017

Bow Brook Place 46 Donovan Street Concord, NH 03301-2624

Adele Frisella, Finance Director

(603) 225-2841 (800) 698-2364 Town of Auburn PO Box 309

www.nhprimex.org

Auburn, NH 03032

RE: Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) for CY 2018 - CY 2020 for the Workers' Compensation Program

Dear Adele:

Primex³ is pleased to offer the **Town of Auburn** the option of participating in the **Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)** for the next three coverage period years. **For** members who have demonstrated commitment to the Primex³ pool, CAP provides stability by creating a limit on your Workers' Compensation contributions for future renewals.

The following years qualify for the Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP):

CY 2018 January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

(maximum 8% increase over January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 contribution)

CY 2019 January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

(maximum 8% increase over January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 contribution)

CY 2020 January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

(maximum 8% increase over January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 contribution)

Based on your performance, we are pleased to offer you a CAP Agreement that provides you the opportunity to participate in CAP through December 31, 2020. (See enclosed CAP Agreement and Resolution.) Please return your executed CAP Agreement and Resolution on or before July 24, 2017 to ensure budgetary peace of mind for the next three renewals.

The percentage listed is a maximum. Actual increases will not exceed that percentage, but could actually be lower, based on each member's and the pool's risk management performance and exposure changes. Performance still impacts contribution amounts, so it remains important for both Primex³ and our members to leverage our partnership to effectively manage risks and any claims that occur.

Our goal has always been to provide members with the best programs at the best value. Now, add the best long-term contribution assurance and you have a commitment like no other. **CAP** provides predictable contributions in the Workers' Compensation Program that you and your taxpayers can count on for budgetary stability.

Please contact me or your Member Services Consultant with questions at 800-698-2364.

Sincerely,

Carl Weber

Director of Member Services





Workers' Compensation Program

Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) Agreement THIS AGREEMENT AMENDS AND EXTENDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Primex³ is offering members in our **Workers' Compensation Program** an opportunity to stabilize their annual contributions through participation in our Contribution Assurance Program (**CAP**). **CAP** is offered to members who qualify, providing them predictability by limiting the annual contribution increase during a defined period of years (**CAP Period**). By signing this Agreement, you agree to extend your Membership Agreement for **three (3) years** and Primex³ agrees to guarantee that your annual contribution increase will not exceed eight percent (8%) of the prior year's contribution. Because performance matters with Primex³, you may realize an annual increase that is less than the **CAP** through sound risk management and stable underwriting exposures. The annual member contribution will be based upon your exposure base, members' loss experience, and the rates established each year by the Primex³ Board of Trustees.

We are offering this opportunity so that our members can extend their commitment to pooling through the Primex³ programs. Participation in **CAP** for each year of the **CAP Period** is conditioned upon a three-year commitment to participation in the Primex³ Workers' Compensation Program.

The following CAP Period years qualify for the Contribution Assurance Program (CAP):

CY 2018 January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

(maximum 8% increase over January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 contribution)

CY 2019 January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

(maximum 8% increase over January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 contribution)

CY 2020 January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020

(maximum 8% increase over January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 contribution)

By signing this Agreement, the **Town of Auburn** agrees to extend its risk pool membership and participation in the Primex³ **Workers' Compensation Program** for three coverage period years, through **December 31**, **2020**. The **Town of Auburn** agrees and understands it remains bound by and subject to the terms and conditions of the Membership Agreement, Public Entity Coverage Documents and Trust Agreement, and all Trust by-laws, policies and procedures.

The **Town of Auburn** agrees that the eight percent (8%) maximum increase currently available for this **CAP Period** does not apply to any other year or period of years, and upon expiration of the **CAP Period** in this
Agreement, any subsequent participation in a Primex³ **CAP** will be subject to underwriting review,
membership criteria, **CAP** criteria, determination of contribution and the maximum increase in place for the subsequent **CAP Period**.

The **Town of Auburn** further acknowledges that by extending its Membership Agreement for three (3) coverage period years, the Public Entity Coverage Documents, General Conditions Section (L) ("Terminating Participation in Our Program(s)") is suspended during year one (1) and year two (2) of the three (3) year term, as there is no right to cancel or terminate during year one (1) and year (2) but shall be reinstated for the end of year three (3).

The **Town of Auburn** agrees that failure to provide notice in strict accordance with the Public Entity Coverage Documents, General Conditions Section (L) shall result in automatic renewal of risk management pool membership and continuation in the Primex³ Workers' Compensation Program, but not continuation of **CAP** which must be separately offered and accepted.

Primex³ acknowledges that the **Town of Auburn** is a NH public entity which receives budgetary authorization for appropriations from an annual meeting of its legislative body and pertains to a fiscal year which commences on the following January 1 or July 1, of any given year. The **Town of Auburn** also acknowledges that it is legally required to carry insurance coverage. As such, if the legislative body, at such annual meeting for any years that are within the anticipated term of the contract, fails to approve such appropriation, and there are no other lawful means of funding the coverage, this contract may be terminated by the **Town of Auburn** by notice to Primex³ made within 30 days of the legislative action at which such funding initiative was defeated and such cancellation shall be effective as of the commencement on the following fiscal year or on the anniversary of the policy, whichever first occurs.

The **Town of Auburn**, however, agrees that it shall seek the requisite appropriations in good faith and that the availability of lower cost or otherwise preferable coverage alternatives during the term of this Agreement shall not constitute a good faith and permissible basis on which to fail to pursue the appropriations or assert that appropriations are unavailable. In the event of an early termination, the **Town of Auburn** agrees to return the difference between the **CAP** increase and the uncapped contribution.

By affixing my signature below, I am attesting, representing and warranting that I am a duly authorized representative of the governing body of the **Town of Auburn** with legal authority to contractually bind the **Town of Auburn** to the terms of this Agreement, and that I understand the commitment being made to membership in the Primex³ risk management pool and participation in the Workers' Compensation Program.

Authorized Representative	Title	Date
of the Governing Body		
Print Name		





RESOLUTION TO ENTER PRIMEX³ Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)

RESOLVED: To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) to enter into its **Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)** as of the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and conditions of Primex³ risk management pool membership during the term of the **Workers' Compensation Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)**. The coverage provided by Primex³ in each year of membership shall be as then set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex³.

attest that the foregoing is a true copadopted on	y of the Resolution of the Governing Board of the Town of Auburn
	Board: Title of Board Signature:
	Name:
	Title:duly authorized
	Date:



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May 22, 2017

Adele Frisella, Finance Director Town of Auburn PO Box 309 Auburn, NH 03032

RE: Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) for FY 2019 – FY 2021 for the Property & Liability Program

Dear Adele:

Primex³ is pleased to offer the **Town of Auburn** the option of participating in the **Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)** for the next three coverage period years. **For members who have**demonstrated commitment to the Primex³ pool, CAP provides stability by creating a limit on your
Property & Liability contributions for future renewals.

The following years qualify for the Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP):

FY 2019 July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

(maximum 9% increase over July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 contribution)

FY 2020 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

(maximum 9% increase over July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 contribution)

FY 2021 July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

(maximum 9% increase over July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 contribution)

Based on your performance, we are pleased to offer you a **CAP** Agreement that provides you the opportunity to participate in **CAP** through **June 30, 2021**. (See enclosed **CAP** Agreement and Resolution.) **Please return your executed CAP Agreement and Resolution on or before July 24, 2017** to ensure budgetary peace of mind for the next three renewals.

The percentage listed is a maximum. Actual increases will not exceed that percentage, but could actually be lower, based on each member's and the pool's risk management performance and exposure changes. Performance still impacts contribution amounts, so it remains important for both Primex³ and our members to leverage our partnership to effectively manage risks and any claims that occur.

Our goal has always been to provide members with the best programs at the best value. Now, add the best long-term contribution assurance and you have a commitment like no other. **CAP** provides predictable contributions in the Property & Liability Program that you and your taxpayers can count on for budgetary stability.

Please contact me or your Member Services Consultant with questions at 800-698-2364.

Sincerely

Carl Weber

Director of Member Services





Property & Liability Program

Contribution Assurance Program (CAP) Agreement
THIS AGREEMENT AMENDS AND EXTENDS YOUR MEMBERSHIP AGREEMENT
PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Primex³ is offering members in our **Property & Liability Program** an opportunity to stabilize their annual contributions through participation in our Contribution Assurance Program (**CAP**). **CAP** is offered to members who qualify, providing them predictability by limiting the annual contribution increase during a defined period of years (**CAP Period**). By signing this Agreement, you agree to extend your Membership Agreement for **three (3) years** and Primex³ agrees to guarantee that your annual contribution increase will not exceed nine percent (9%) of the prior year's contribution. Because performance matters with Primex³, you may realize an annual increase that is less than the **CAP** through sound risk management and stable underwriting exposures. The annual member contribution will be based upon your exposure base, members' loss experience, and the rates established each year by the Primex³ Board of Trustees.

We are offering this opportunity so that our members can extend their commitment to pooling through the Primex³ programs. Participation in **CAP** for each year of the **CAP Period** is conditioned upon a three-year commitment to participation in the Primex³ Property & Liability Program.

The following CAP Period years qualify for the Contribution Assurance Program (CAP):

FY 2019 July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019

(maximum 9% increase over July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018 contribution)

FY 2020 July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020

(maximum 9% increase over July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 contribution)

FY 2021 July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

(maximum 9% increase over July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 contribution)

By signing this Agreement, the **Town of Auburn** agrees to extend its risk pool membership and participation in the Primex³ **Property & Liability Program** for three coverage period years, through **June 30, 2021**. The **Town of Auburn** agrees and understands it remains bound by and subject to the terms and conditions of the Membership Agreement, Public Entity Coverage Documents and Trust Agreement, and all Trust by-laws, policies and procedures.

The **Town of Auburn** agrees that the nine percent (9%) maximum increase currently available for this **CAP Period** does not apply to any other year or period of years, and upon expiration of the **CAP Period** in this Agreement, any subsequent participation in a Primex³ **CAP** will be subject to underwriting review, membership criteria, **CAP** criteria, determination of contribution and the maximum increase in place for the subsequent **CAP Period**.

The **Town of Auburn** further acknowledges that by extending its Membership Agreement for three (3) coverage period years, the Public Entity Coverage Documents, General Conditions Section (L) ("Terminating Participation in Our Program(s)") is suspended during year one (1) and year two (2) of the three (3) year term, as there is no right to cancel or terminate during year one (1) and year (2) but shall be reinstated for the end of year three (3).

The **Town of Auburn** agrees that failure to provide notice in strict accordance with the Public Entity Coverage Documents, General Conditions Section (L) shall result in automatic renewal of risk management pool membership and continuation in the Primex³ Property & Liability Program, but not continuation of **CAP** which must be separately offered and accepted.

Primex³ acknowledges that the **Town of Auburn** is a NH public entity which receives budgetary authorization for appropriations from an annual meeting of its legislative body and pertains to a fiscal year which commences on the following January 1 or July 1, of any given year. The **Town of Auburn** also acknowledges that it is legally required to carry insurance coverage. As such, if the legislative body, at such annual meeting for any years that are within the anticipated term of the contract, fails to approve such appropriation, and there are no other lawful means of funding the coverage, this contract may be terminated by the **Town of Auburn** by notice to Primex³ made within 30 days of the legislative action at which such funding initiative was defeated and such cancellation shall be effective as of the commencement on the following fiscal year or on the anniversary of the policy, whichever first occurs.

The **Town of Auburn**, however, agrees that it shall seek the requisite appropriations in good faith and that the availability of lower cost or otherwise preferable coverage alternatives during the term of this Agreement shall not constitute a good faith and permissible basis on which to fail to pursue the appropriations or assert that appropriations are unavailable. In the event of an early termination, the **Town of Auburn** agrees to return the difference between the **CAP** increase and the uncapped contribution.

By affixing my signature below, I am attesting, representing and warranting that I am a duly authorized representative of the governing body of the **Town of Auburn** with legal authority to contractually bind the **Town of Auburn** to the terms of this Agreement, and that I understand the commitment being made to membership in the Primex³ risk management pool and participation in the Property & Liability Program.

Authorized Representative of the Governing Body	Title	Date
,		
Print Name		





RESOLUTION TO ENTER PRIMEX³ Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)

RESOLVED: To hereby accept the offer of the New Hampshire Public Risk Management Exchange (Primex³) to enter into its **Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)** as of the date of the adoption of this resolution, and to be contractually bound to all of the terms and conditions of Primex³ risk management pool membership during the term of the **Property & Liability Contribution Assurance Program (CAP)**. The coverage provided by Primex³ in each year of membership shall be as then set forth in the Coverage Documents of Primex³.

attest that the foregoing is a true copy of the Resadopted on	plution of the Governing Board of the Town of Auburn	
	Board: Title of Board Signature:	
	Name:	
	Title:duly authoriz	zed
	Date:	



Build Savvy, LLC 136 Appletree Rd. Auburn, NH 03032

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
6/14/2017	1348

Bill To	
Griffin Free Public Library 22 Hooksett Rd. Auburn, NH 03032	# C

			P.O. No.	Terms	Project
	as .				Replace Porch Rails
Description	Est Amt		Prior Amt	Curr %	Amount
Replace Deck Rails with Composite Rails -Remove existing porch & ramp rails -Reconfigure ramp posts to allow for composite rails (existing spacing too far apart, need to add a post) -Install post sleeves & caps on short posts along ramp -Tall support posts to stay as is, fasten directly to wood posts -Rails to be Trex Transcend Rails (White) with square balusters; 7 rail sections total -Includes disposal of construction debris	3,250.	00		100.00%	3,250.00
			Т	otal	\$3,250.00
			Pa	ayments/Credits	\$0.00
			В	alance Due	\$3,250.00

Phone # E-mail		Web Site
603-483-5515	joe.landry@comcast.net	www.buildsavvyllc.com

Bill Herman

From:

Amy Lachance

Sent:

Thursday, June 15, 2017 9:39 AM

To:

Dale Phillips (eloise19@comcast.net); Rick Eaton (rickeaton49@gmail.com); Jim Headd

(jimheadd@comcast.net); Dave Nye

Cc:

Bill Herman

Subject:

Wayne Eddows Walkthrough Reschedule

Good Morning,

Could we reschedule the 6/19 visit to Wayne Eddows to Wednesday, June 28th at 10:00 am? Rick will be on vacation on the 19th. We'll try to find one day that works for everyone.

Please confirm if that date works (or does not work) for you.

Thank you!

~Amy

Amy Lachance

Parks and Recreation Coordinator Town of Auburn, NH 47 Chester Road Auburn, NH 03032 603.483.5052 x101

Town of Auburn

Town Hall 47 Chester Road P.O. Box 309 Auburn, NH 03032



Town Administrator

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Bill Herman, CPM, Town Administrator

Date: June 16, 2017

Re: Special Election for State Representative

Since we reported to the Board at your May 22nd and June 5th meetings of the probability of a Special Election to fill the vacancy in the position of State Representative for Rockingham District #4 (Auburn, Chester and Sandown), we can now report the Governor and Executive Council approved a Special Election at their meeting on June 7th.

Attached is a copy of the precept signed by the Governor which formally calls for the election.

The filing period for the election was held June 12th – 16th. As of the close of the filing period, there were a total of five candidates for the one position including three Republicans, one Democrat and one Libertarian.

As a result, there will be a Primary Election on August 8th to determine who the Republican nominee will be for this position, with the Special Election then being held on September 26th.

Ballots for these elections, which will be prepared and provided by the State, will be traditional paper ballots and not ballots that would be counted by voting machines. The Town will need to be prepared to perform a hand count of those ballots cast which will be a cost savings for both the State and the three municipalities involved.

The Secretary of State's Office has advised the Town Clerk that as a State election, the polling hours will have to be the regular 7 AM to 7 PM hours the Town normally has for State elections. Arrangements are in process to use the AVS Gymnasium for the two election dates.

We will look to identify funds to cover the Town's expense for the elections as only the March election was anticipated in the budget. The expenses will likely be approximately \$3,500 to \$4,000 per election.

There is no action required by the Auburn Board at this time. We will keep you informed as things progress on this topic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachments

PRECEPT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

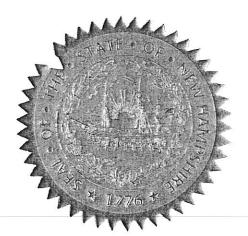
Executive Council Chamber

To the Town Clerk and Selectmen of Auburn, Chester, and Sandown - GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, a vacancy in the representation of Rockingham County State Representative District No. 4 has occurred; and

WHEREAS, the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, has ordered a special election for the filling of the aforesaid vacancy to be held throughout Rockingham County District No. 4 on September 26, 2017;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that you cause to be held within your voting district an election to fill the vacancy in Rockingham County District No. 4, all in accordance with law as is such case made and provided.

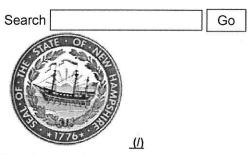


Governor Christopher T. Sununu

By His Excellency, the Governor

with the advice and consent of the Executive Council

Secretary of State



New Hampshire

William M. Gardner | Secretary of State

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- Elections Division (/Elections.aspx)
- Securities Regulation (/Sec Reg.aspx)
- Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) (/ucc.aspx)
- Vital Records (/vital records.aspx)

The Governor and Executive Council, at their meeting held on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, approved the Precept to hold a **SPECIAL ELECTION** for **STATE REPRESENTATIVE** from **ROCKINGHAM COUNTY DISTRICT NO. 4**. (Auburn, Chester, Sandown)

Filing Period: June 12 - 16, 2017. Candidates may file with their town clerks on Monday or Tuesday (12th or 13th) during normal business hours, OR candidates may file with the Secretary of State Monday-Friday. Any filings made on Friday, June 16th, must be made in person by the candidate at the Secretary of State's Office.

Primary: August 8, 2017

Special Election: September 26, 2017. If only one person from each party files, there will not be a primary. The special election will be held on August 8th.

CANDIDATES FILED:

Republican - James E. Devine, Sandown (54 Hampstead Road) 03874

James F. Headd, Auburn (225 Rattlesnake Hill Road) 03052

Anthony S. Rossignol, Chester (47 Emerson Road) 03036

Democratic - Kari Lerner, Chester (mail: PO Box 569, Derry 03038)

Libertarian - James D. Jarvis, Sandown (394 Main Street) 03873

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To: Board of Selectmen

From: Bill Herman, CPM, Town Administrator

Date: June 12, 2017

Re: Supplemental Highway Block Grant Funds

The New Hampshire Legislature has approved Senate Bill 38, which makes an appropriation of an additional \$36.8 million for local highway aid and the municipal bridge program. The bill has passed both the House and the Senate, and is one the way to the Governor for signature. He is expected to sign the bill into law.

Funding for this effort is coming from the anticipated \$90 million surplus in the current State operating budget, which comes to a close on June 30, 2017. These funds are separate from the proposed state operating budget for FY 2018 & 2019. The bill includes \$30 million for local highway aid to be issued in State fiscal year 2018 and \$6.8 million for bridge aid.

For Auburn, our understanding is the additional local highway aid would result in an additional payment through the Highway Block Grant system that would be equal to approximately 90% of a regular year's payment, which was \$160,000 in 2016. So we are anticipating a payment of approximately \$144,000 at some point in the last half of this calendar year.

The additional local highway aid is specifically designated not to be used to supplant existing approved Town expenditures, but to be used for additional work not included in the current Town budget.

It is yet to be determined how the additional bridge aid funds will affect Auburn's schedule for the Griffin Mill Bridge. The funding is supposed to be aimed at red listed bridges, which the Griffin Mill Bridge is. By rough estimates, the additional \$6.8 million will cover somewhere between seven and 10 projects. Officials will work from the current list of bridges in the pipeline for State Bridge Aid funds and make it go as far as they can. It is possible the Griffin Mill Bridge project will receive funding from this additional money. If it doesn't, it will definitely be moved up on the schedule from the current FY 2021 (July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021) slot we are in.

Attached is a copy of SB 38 for your information. There is no action for the Board to take at this time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment

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SENATE BILL

38-FN

AN ACT

making an appropriation to the department of transportation for local highway aid and aid for municipal bridges, relative to distribution of highway aid, and relative to red list bridges.

SPONSORS:

Sen. Morse, Dist 22; Sen. Bradley, Dist 3; Sen. Reagan, Dist 17; Sen. Daniels,

Dist 11; Sen. D'Allesandro, Dist 20; Sen. Giuda, Dist 2; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15

COMMITTEE:

Finance

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill:

- I. Makes an appropriation to the department of transportation for local highway aid and municipal bridge aid.
 - II. Modifies the distribution of betterment funds.
 - III. Clarifies the criteria for red list bridges.

Explanation:

Matter added to current law appears in bold italics.

Matter removed from current law appears [in brackets and struckthrough.]

Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen

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making an appropriation to the department of transportation for local highway aid and aid for municipal bridges, relative to distribution of highway aid, and relative to red list bridges.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

- 1 1 Purpose Statement. The general court recognizes that there is a need to provide targeted 2 funding for local infrastructure projects. Therefore, it is the intent of this act to designate certain 3 surplus funds in the 2016-2017 biennial budget for providing grants to fund local infrastructure 4 projects in accordance with the purposes and provisions of this act and to further clarify the criteria 5 for red list bridges. 6 2 Department of Transportation; Appropriation. 7 I. There is hereby appropriated to the department of transportation the sum of \$36,800,000 8 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, which shall be nonlapsing and expended pursuant to 9 paragraph II. The governor is authorized to draw a warrant for said sum out of any money in the
- II. The sum appropriated in paragraph I shall be allocated as follows:
- 12 (a) \$30,000,000 shall be expended for additional "Apportionment A" distributions under 13 RSA 235:23, I.
- 14 (b) \$6,800,000 shall be expended for state bridge aid for municipal bridges under RSA 234.
 - III. No funds appropriated in paragraph I shall be used for supplanting locally budgeted and approved funds for road or bridge maintenance or construction. The funds appropriated in paragraph I may be considered unanticipated money under RSA 31:95-b and may be accepted and expended pursuant to RSA 31:95-b, II through IV, whether or not a town has adopted the provisions of RSA 31:95-b.
 - 3 Federal and State Highway Aid; Construction and Reconstruction. Amend RSA 235:23-a, III to read as follows:
 - III. Excluding funds under RSA 260:32-b, III(c) that are used for bridge work, the commissioner, based on budget appropriations, shall allocate and expend at least 70 percent of the funds in the highway and bridge betterment account for the 6 state highway districts in the following priority:
 - (a) [Repealed.]

treasury not otherwise appropriated.

(b) For each state highway district in the state, based upon a formula in which 1/2 of

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- 1 the amount of the funds distributed is based upon the proportion which the mileage of state-
- 2 maintained class I, class II, and class III highways, excluding turnpikes, in each district, as of
- 3 January 1 of the previous year, bears to the total of such mileage in the state; and 1/2 of the amount
- 4 of the funds distributed is based upon the proportion which the number of state maintained class I,
- 5 class II and class III highway bridges, excluding turnpikes, in each district as of January 1 of the
- 6 previous year bears to the total of such number of bridges in the state. Due to timing of
- 7 contracted work and actual expenditures, the commissioner shall use a rolling 5-year
- 8 average to ensure that a minimum of 70 percent of the funds are expended in each district
- 9 based on the formula. The commissioner shall distribute the remaining funds on a
- 10 statewide basis to achieve regional equity based on condition, taking into account
- 11 deviations in bid prices and existing infrastructure condition, excluding funds used for
- 12 emergency repair.

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- 4 Red List Bridges. Amend RSA 234:25-a, I to read as follows:
- I. The commissioner of transportation shall establish and maintain a list of highway
- bridges that are found, after inspection by the department, to be structurally deficient, which shall
- 16 be known as red list bridges. This list shall also include structurally deficient state-owned
- 17 railroad bridges over highways.
- 18 5 New Paragraph; Red List Bridges; Definition. Amend RSA 234:25-a by inserting after
- 19 paragraph IV the following new paragraph:
- V. In this chapter, a structurally deficient bridge means a bridge with a primary element in
- 21 poor or worse condition (National Bridge Inventory (NBI) rating of 4 or less).
- 22 6 Inspection of Red List Bridges. Amend RSA 234:25-b to read as follows:
- 23 234:25-b Inspection of Red List Bridges; Report.
 - I. The department of transportation shall inspect every red list state-owned bridge on the
- 25 red list biannually and every red list municipal bridge annually as a minimum.
- II. The department of transportation shall annually provide a complete list of state-owned
- and municipally-owned red list bridges to the governor, the executive council, the speaker of the
- 28 house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the house and senate standing committees
- 29 with jurisdiction over highways and bridges. Additionally the department shall annually notify the
- 30 governing bodies of municipalities of any red list bridges owned by such municipality and any state-
- 31 owned red list bridge within such municipality. These reports and notifications shall be provided on
- 32 or before [February] April 1 of each year.
- 33 7 Effective Date.
 - I. Sections 3 through 6 of this act shall take effect July 1, 2017.
- 35 II. The remainder of this act shall take effect upon its passage.

SB 38-FN- FISCAL NOTE

AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE (AMENDMENT #2017-1998h)

AN ACT

(2nd New Title) making an appropriation to the department of transportation for local highway aid and aid for municipal bridges, relative to distribution of highway aid, and relative to red list bridges.

FISCAL IMPACT:

[X] State

[] County

[X] Local

[] None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)				
	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	
Appropriation	\$36,800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Revenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
Expenditures	\$0	\$32,000,000	\$4,800,000	\$0	
Funding Source:	[X] General	[] Education	[] Highway	[] Other	

LOCAL:

Revenue	\$0	\$32,000,000	\$4,800,000	\$0
Expenditures	\$0	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	\$0

METHODOLOGY:

This bill makes a non-lapsing general fund appropriation of \$36,800,000 in FY 2017 to the Department of Transportation; \$30,000,000 for block grant payments to municipalities paid pursuant to the apportionment A formula under RSA 235:23, I, and \$6,800,000 for the state bridge aid for municipal bridges under RSA 234. While the highway block grant payments would be disbursed entirely in FY 2018, the Department of Transportation's preliminary estimate for state aid bridge payments is \$2,000,000 in FY 2018 and \$4,800,000 in FY 2019. Bridge aid payments may occur beyond FY 2019 depending on a municipality's available required match and readiness of the projects.

Sections 3 through 6 of this bill, making changes relative to budgeted allocations of highway and bridge betterment account funds and red list bridges, have no impact on state, county, and local revenues or expenditures.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Department of Transportation

Bill targeting PFOA levels killed by House opposition

■Disagreement:

A House and Senate conference committee could not agree on HB 463.

By DAVE SOLOMON

State House Bureau

CONCORD — A bill that would require the state to consider tougher standards for acceptable limits of perfluorinated chemicals like PFOA in drinking water died in Concord on Thursday as a House and Senate conference committee could not agree on HB 463.

The bill started in the House as a measure to regulate pollution emitting devices, but the Senate voted unanimously on May 19 to amend it to address PFC contamination.

PFC pollution has emerged as a widespread threat to water quality in New Hampshire in the past two years, with nearly 400 homes in Litchfield, Bedford and Merrimack affected.

High levels of PFCs caused the closing of the Haven drinking water supply well located at the former Pease Air Force Base, and have more recently surfaced in Rochester.

The federal maximum contaminant limit for PFCs is 70 parts per trillion, but other states have adopted much lower standards on their own, such as Vermont, at 20 parts per trillion.

State Rep. Mindi Messmer, D-Rye, initially proposed adopting the Vermont standard, but working with senators Dan Feltes, D-Concord, and Jeb Bradley, R-Wolfeboro, crafted a compromise that was acceptable to DES as well.

The amendment, unanimously approved in the Senate, called for an investigation by the Department of Environmental

Services to focus on the impact of PFC contamination on prenatal and early childhood health, and set limits accordingly.

"We know there will be some costs associated with it," said Bradley, "but there are costs to families with young kids who believe these PFCs have caused cancers in their families."

The House members on the Committee of Conference would not agree to the amendment, however, so the amendment and the underlying bill are dead for now.

Rep. Chris Christensen, RMerrimack, said the amendment was not needed, because the DES currently has the authority to review PFC standards if it chooses to do so.

Messmer attributed the defeat of the amendment to opposition from the N.H. Municipal Association and the Business and Industry Association, which were concerned about the potential costs of complying with tougher drinking water standards for PFCs.

Seacoast area Republican Sen. Dan Innis took issue with his House counterparts.

"I am deeply disappointed that the House was unwilling to come to an agreement to better protect the citizens of my district and around the state from the growing concern about the quality of our drinking water," he said. "This critical legislation will be the first bill that I file in the fall. It is imperative that we quickly come to an agreement to address this pressing issue for the Granite State."

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