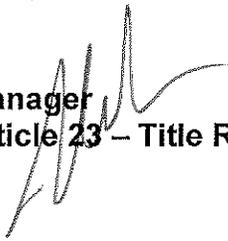


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TO: Board of Selectmen
FR: Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
RE: Annual Town Meeting Article 23 – Title Research
DT: January 18, 2017



Throughout the years, issues have arisen about the title history of various parcels. The most common of these has been the push by the community to perform the title research on the 1000 acres in South Plymouth. We know that in order to do anything with that land in our future, we must understand the title issues tied to each individual parcel. In addition, many of us have heard questions about property rights, ownership, and titles related to beachfront property, including specifics about recreational and coastal overall access. Finally, we have some properties in the Town that we believe are public property (ie Long Beach), however, there is a private home on that site. The titles to these properties date back so far, that extensive research is required to validate ownership. This can get expensive.

These questions have remained unanswered for decades. I believe that we should put many of these to rest and receive final, legal determinations. The Board of Selectmen has supported that goal. Therefore, I am asking for an article that will provide for funds to do this title research as it arises.

Thank you.