

ARTICLE 13B

ARTICLE 13B: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, for conservation purposes pursuant to G.L. c.44B, the fee interest in a certain parcel of land containing 36 acres more or less shown on Assessor's Map 88, Lot 26H off Long Pond Road and Boot Pond Roads, Plymouth, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, and to accept a deed to the Town of Plymouth, and as funding therefor, to transfer from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues, fund balance, or reserves, or otherwise fund, the sum of \$140,300.00; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and to execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient on behalf of the Town of Plymouth to affect said purchase and to grant one of more conservation restrictions meeting the requirements of G.L. c. 184, § 31, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$140,300 (9-2-0). The Advisory and Finance Committee advises Town Meeting to approve Article 13B. Town Meeting approval will authorize the acquisition of a parcel of land containing 36-acres located off of Long Pond and Boot Pond Roads in Plymouth. The entire site falls within a mapped Priority Habitat for Rare and Endangered Species. Purchasing and permanently preserving this land will help to protect the quality and quantity of Plymouth's Sole Source Aquifer. This article is the second piece of funding required by the Commonwealth's Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) Program grant as recommended in Article 7 of this Report. The Hornblower Foundation, the Wildlands Trust and the Nature Conservancy will grant \$50,000 towards the acquisition and Community Preservation will contribute the remaining funds required in the amount of \$140,300.