

ARTICLE 13D

ARTICLE 13D: 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 52 acres more or less shown on Assessor's Map 68, Lot 4a, 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 \$250,000.00; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and 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 or more conservation restrictions meeting the requirements of G.L. c. 184, § 31, or take any other action relative thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$250,000 (Unanimous). The Advisory and Finance Committee advises Town Meeting to approve Article 13D. Town meeting approval will authorize the Community Preservation Fund to acquire, for conservation purposes a parcel of land containing 52-acres. The parcel is surrounded by conservation land and will join with adjacent parcels to create a contiguous block of conservation land along the east side of Long Pond Road south of Exit 3. This is a critical link in the proposed trail system linking Myles Standish State Forest with the Plymouth coastline. The parcel could potentially support a trailhead parking area off Long Pond Road which would greatly enhance public access to passive recreational land in southern Plymouth.