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From: Amanda Stearns
Sent: Thursday, February 05, 2015 2:43 PM
To: Caleb Hemphill
Subject: RE: CDC Minutes from January

Caleb,

The CDC has concluded that supporting the current open space preservation program will contribute to the management of growth in the Rural Area.

Excerpt from January 12 CDC minutes

“**B. Purchase of development rights/Conservation Development** – N. Poore summarized a conservation development model. Conservation organization would target and purchase a particular property for conservation and withhold a certain amount out for development so that the majority of the property is conserved and the purchase and endowment are paid for by the portion that is developed. C. King mentioned that the FLT (Falmouth Land Trust) is currently working on a “conservation development” project. There was consensus that the CDC recommend the Council consider a resolution to support this type of conservation.”

Excerpt from January 23, 2015 Draft CDC report

B. Purchase of development rights/Conservation Development

Current Status – The town currently has a robust open space purchase program which includes a partnership with the Falmouth Land Trust. This program has served to acquire land in the rural area that otherwise could have been developed. It has an indirect impact on the overall amount of growth in the rural area and should continue to be an important focus for both the Town and the Falmouth Land Trust.

Proposal – The current program should be supported and both the Town and FLT be encouraged to consider a conservation development model. Conservation development is loosely defined as withholding a portion of a conservation property for development so that the majority of the property is conserved and the purchase and stewardship endowment are paid for by the portion that is developed. The following is recommended.

- The Council consider a resolution to support this type of conservation.
- Score sheets for open space used by both the Town and the FLT include a category for rural area and give priority to land in the rural area.

Let me know if this is what you were looking for.

Kind regards,
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