Land Management & Acquisition Committee

Memo

To: Town Council **From**: Lucky D'Ascanio

CC: Nathan Poore, Town Manager

Roccy Risbara Date: 2/5/2015

Re: Expansion of Hardy Road Conservation Area

It is the recommendation of the Land Management and Acquisition Committee to support the request by Risbara Brothers Construction Company to offer through title and fee, 29.3 acres of conservation property associated with the Grove Forel Baek Subdivision on Hardy Road. This additional acreage will connect two town-owned parcels (Brookside Drive conservation set-aside and the former town dump property, Hardy Road Conservation Area) and become an expansion of the Hardy Road Conservation Area.

LMAC is in favor of the acquisition of this property; however, the following items will need to be resolved:

- 1. Favorable peer review of the dam inspection report prepared by Risbara prior to conveyance.
- 2. Removal by Risbara of two existing sheds on the property prior to conveyance.
- 3. Blazing of all boundaries of the conservation area.
- 4. Town staff will work with the Falmouth Sno-Voyagers to maintain snowmobile access through the property.
- 5. The Town reserves the right to use both 50' road frontages as access to the property for trails and trail construction/maintenance.

The acquisition of this parcel would ensure that the property would be open to public use in perpetuity as well as permanently protect existing wetlands, namely Meader Brook. Meader Brook bisects the parcel.

We recognize that this is a land donation, however, want to advise that there will be expenses associated with the acquisition of this property such as, peer review of the dam inspection, title search, legal expenses, trail construction and signage. Estimated budget is \$5000-\$7000.