



**TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**FIRST SESSION OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
(DELIBERATIVE SESSION)**

Thursday, February 8, 2024

7:00 P.M.

HAMPSTEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL



To the inhabitants of the
Town of Hampstead in the
County of Rockingham in
said state, qualified to vote
in town affairs:

**You are hereby notified to meet
at the Hampstead Middle School
in said Hampstead on Thursday,
February 8, 2024, at seven
o'clock in the evening, for the
explanation, discussion, and
debate of each Warrant Article,
and to transact all business other
than by voting by official ballot.**



**SECOND SESSION OF THE ANNUAL
MEETING
(VOTING)
TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024
8:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.
HAMPSTEAD MIDDLE SCHOOL**



To the inhabitants of the Town of Hampstead in the County of Rockingham in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs:

- You are hereby notified to meet at the Hampstead Middle School in said Hampstead on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, to elect officers of the Town by official ballot, to vote on questions required by law to be inserted on said official ballot and to vote on all Warrant Articles from the First Session

ARTICLE I

- To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year. (By Official Ballot)

Precinct: 2070
A
 ABSENTEE

OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT
 BOLETA OFICIAL PARA ELECCIONES GENERALES
 PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
 CONDADO DE PALM BEACH, FLORIDA
 NOVEMBER 6, 2012
 6 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2012

TO VOTE, COMPLETE THE AREA: **POINTING TO YOUR CHOICE** Mark with a #2 pencil or pen. **DO NOT USE RED INK!**
 If you make a mistake, don't hesitate to ask for a new ballot. If you choose to make other marks, your vote may not count. To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on this ballot, complete the area and write in the candidate's name on the blank line provided for write-in candidates.

PARA VOTAR, TERMINE LA FLECHA: **QUE SEÑALE SU SELECCIÓN** Marque con lápiz #2 o pluma. **NO UTILICE TINTA ROJA!**
 Si usted comete un error, no dude en solicitar una nueva boleta. Si usted desea o hacer otros marcas, su voto podría no contar. Para votar por un candidato que no figura en esta boleta, llene la flecha y escriba el nombre del candidato en la línea en blanco que se provee para el candidato suplente.

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT PRESIDENTE Y VICE PRESIDENTE (Vote for One) (Vota por Uno)	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS DISTRITO 22 REPRESENTANTE EN EL CONGRESO DISTRITO 22 (Vote for One) (Vota por Uno)	SHALL JUSTICE PEGGY A. GATTON OF THE SUPREME COURT BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ¿Se mantendrá en su puesto al Justo Peggy A. Gatton en la Corte Suprema?
Bill Ramsey Paul Ryan REP	Adam Homan Luis Frankel DEM	YES NO
Berndt Dennis Joe Biden DEM	STATE ATTORNEY TERRY J. ARKALOFF (Circuit) FISCAL ESTAFAN DEL CIRCUITO ARJUAL, TERRY (Vote for One) (Vota por Uno)	SHALL JUDGE BERTIE L. CORNER OF THE FOURTH-DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ¿Se mantendrá en su puesto al Justo Bertie L. Corner en la corte de apelaciones del cuarto distrito?
Thomas Robert Stevens Allen Liu TSU	Steve S. Rowner David Anenberg DEM	YES NO
Gary Johnson Virgil K. Gresh, II	Robert Sanderson SENADOR ESTATAL	SHALL JUDGE CAROL Y. TAYLOR OF THE FOURTH-DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL BE RETAINED IN OFFICE? ¿Se mantendrá en su puesto al Justo Carol Y. Taylor en la corte de apelaciones del cuarto distrito?

PALM BEACH SOIL & WATER
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT
 GROUP 2 - 4 YEAR TERM
 DISTRITO DE CONSERVACION DE SUELO
 GRUPO 2 - 4 AÑOS DE DURACION

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ARTICLE 2

- **Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:**
- To see if the Town will vote to amend the following sections of the Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance:
- Article II-3:0 Statutory Authorization, Findings of Fact, Purpose and Methods
- Article II-3:1 Definitions
- Article II-3:2 General Provisions
- Article II-3:3 Administration
- Article II-3:4 Provisions for Flood Hazard Reduction
- As necessary to comply with the National Flood Insurance Program?

ARTICLE 3

- **Are you in favor of the following as proposed by the Planning Board for the Hampstead Zoning Ordinance:**
- To see if the Town will vote to amend Hampstead's Zoning Ordinance, as follows:
- Delete Part IV-1 (Multiple Unit Dwelling Structures) and Part IV-10 (Elderly Housing) in their entirety and replace with amended Part IV-1 entitled "Elderly & Multi-Family Housing"?

ARTICLE 4

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$10,274,080 (Ten Million Two Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand and Eighty Dollars). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be \$10,004,478 (Ten Million Four Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Eight Dollars) which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting in accordance with RSA 40:13 X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*

ARTICLE 5

- To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the 3-year collective bargaining agreement reached between the Hampstead Board of Selectmen and the New England Police Benevolent Association Local No. 37 of New Hampshire, effective April 1st, 2024, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits at the current staffing levels:
- *and* further to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$80,902** (Eighty Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars) for the current fiscal year, such sum representing the additional cost attributable to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*



Estimated Impact:		Fiscal Year 1 (9 Months)	Fiscal Year 2 (12 Months)	Fiscal Year 3 (12 Months)	Fiscal Year 4 (3 Months)
Salary Changes	Wages	\$60,511.00	\$38,334.00	\$26,401.00	\$6,625.00
Shift Differential		\$ 2,034.00	\$ 678.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
NHRS (NH Retirement)	31.28%	\$17,300.00	\$10,775.00	\$ 7,323.00	\$ 1,836.00
FICA	7.65%	\$ 381.00	\$ 297.00	\$ 230.00	\$ 58.00
Benefits		\$ 675.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Total Increase		\$80,902.00	\$50,334.00	\$33,954.00	\$ 8,519.00

ARTICLE 6

- Shall the Town, if Article #5 is defeated, authorize the Board of Selectmen to call one special meeting, at its option, to address Article #5 cost items only.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

ARTICLE 7

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the existing Building Repairs and Maintenance Expendable Trust Fund.
- Balance 12/31/23 \$44,475.80
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*

ARTICLE 8

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 (Six Thousand Dollars) for the Vic Geary Center.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*



ARTICLE 9

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,657 (Eight Thousand Six Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars) for the SoRock NH.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 2-1 (advisory only)*





Isaiah's Place

ARTICLE 10

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) for Isaiah 58.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 4-1*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*



WAYPOINT

*Empowering people of all ages
through an array of human services
and advocacy.*

ARTICLE 11

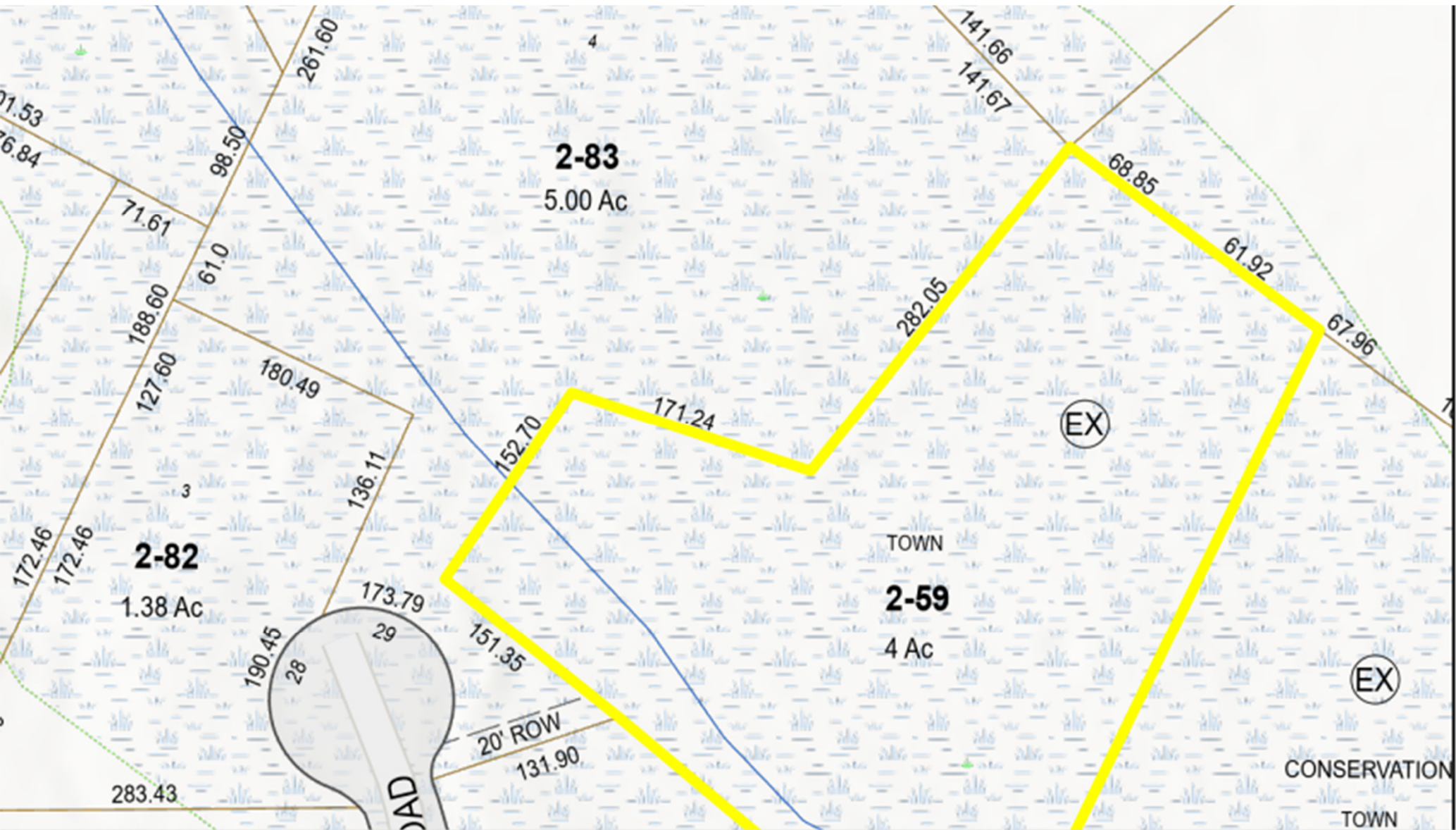
- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred Dollars) for Waypoint, formerly known as Child and Family Services.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*

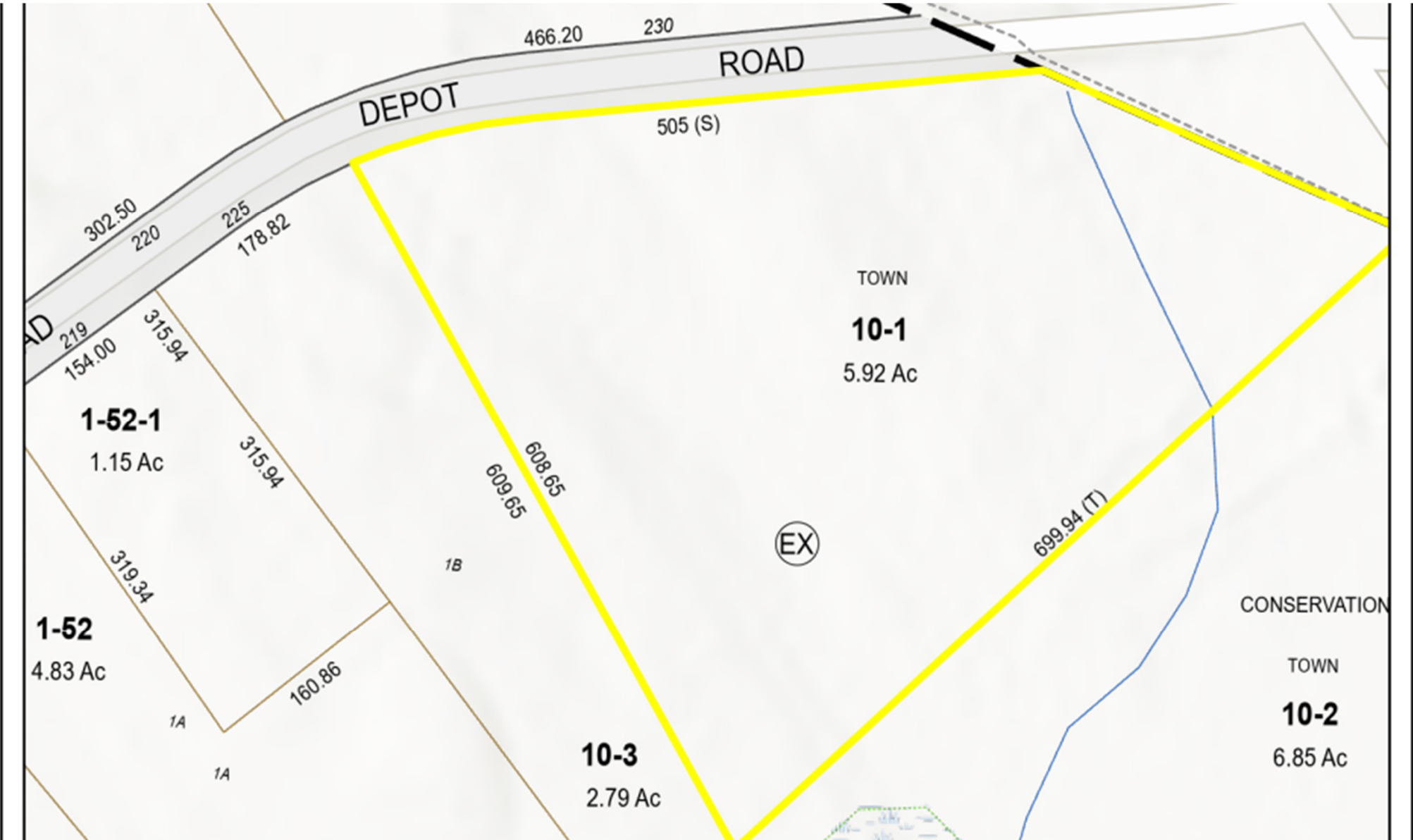
ARTICLE 12

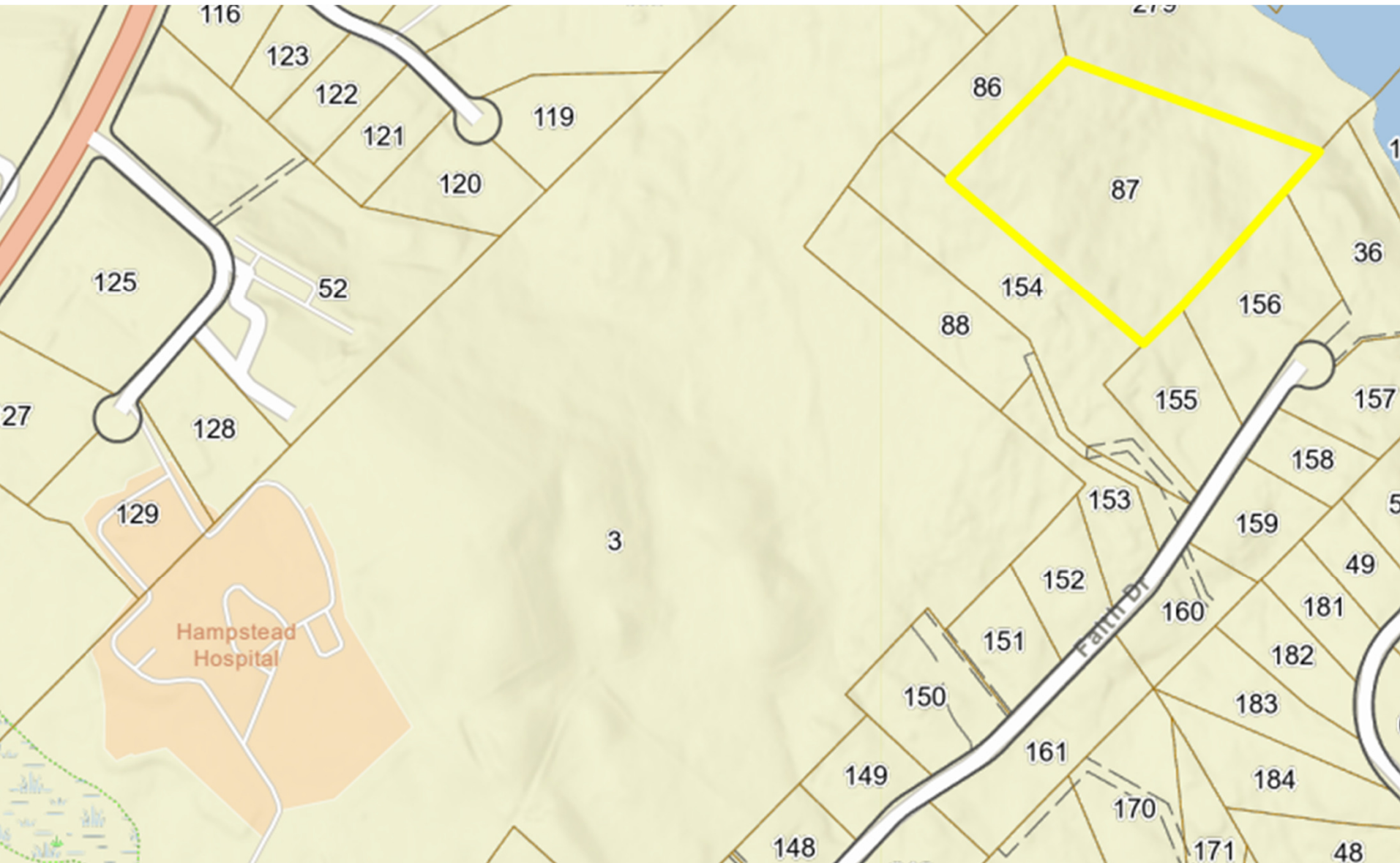
- To see if the Town will vote to place a “conservation easement” on the following town-owned parcels, thereby restricting its use to wildlife conservation, water protection areas, recreational, and trail uses.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

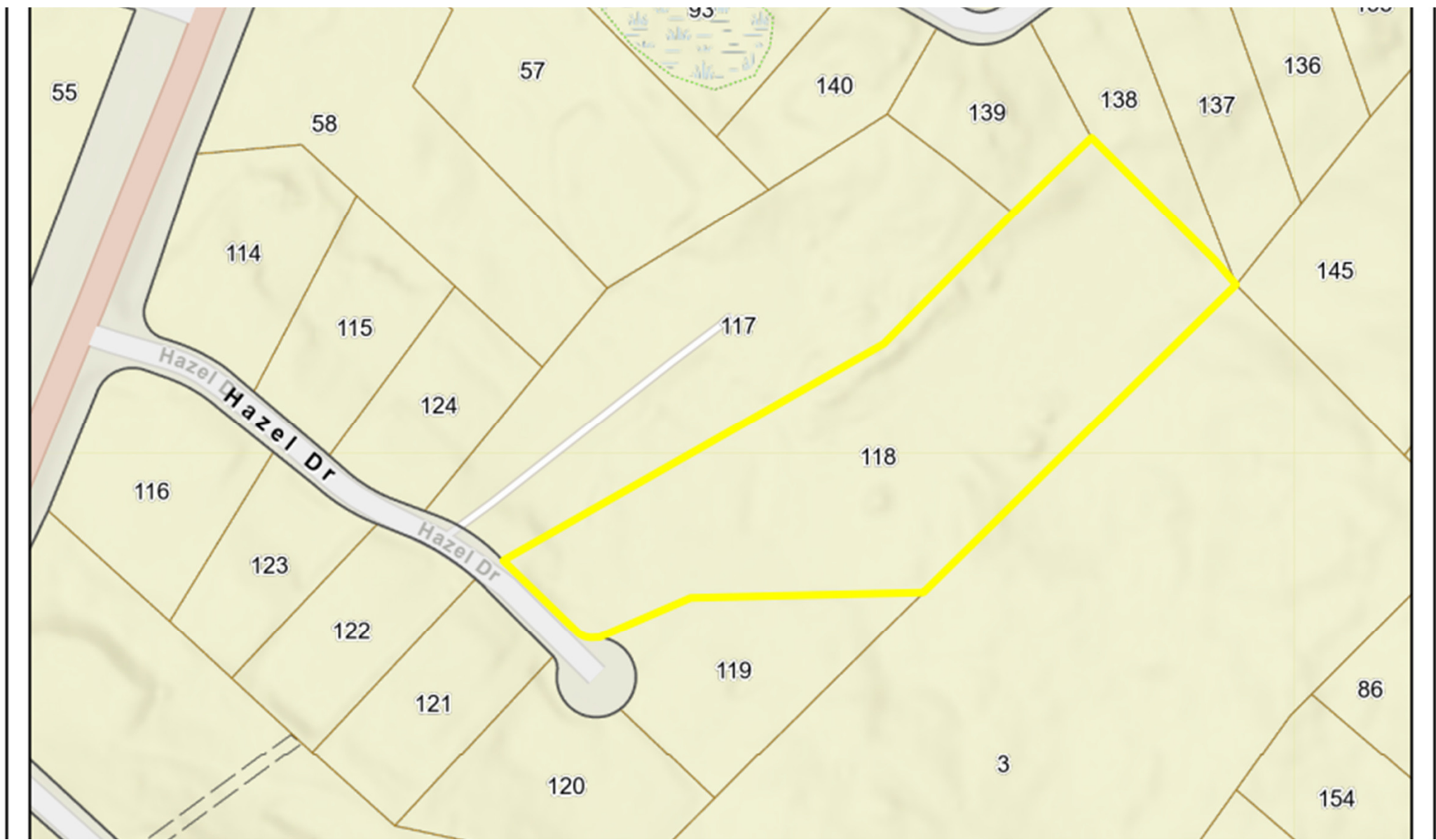
Lots to move to Conservation

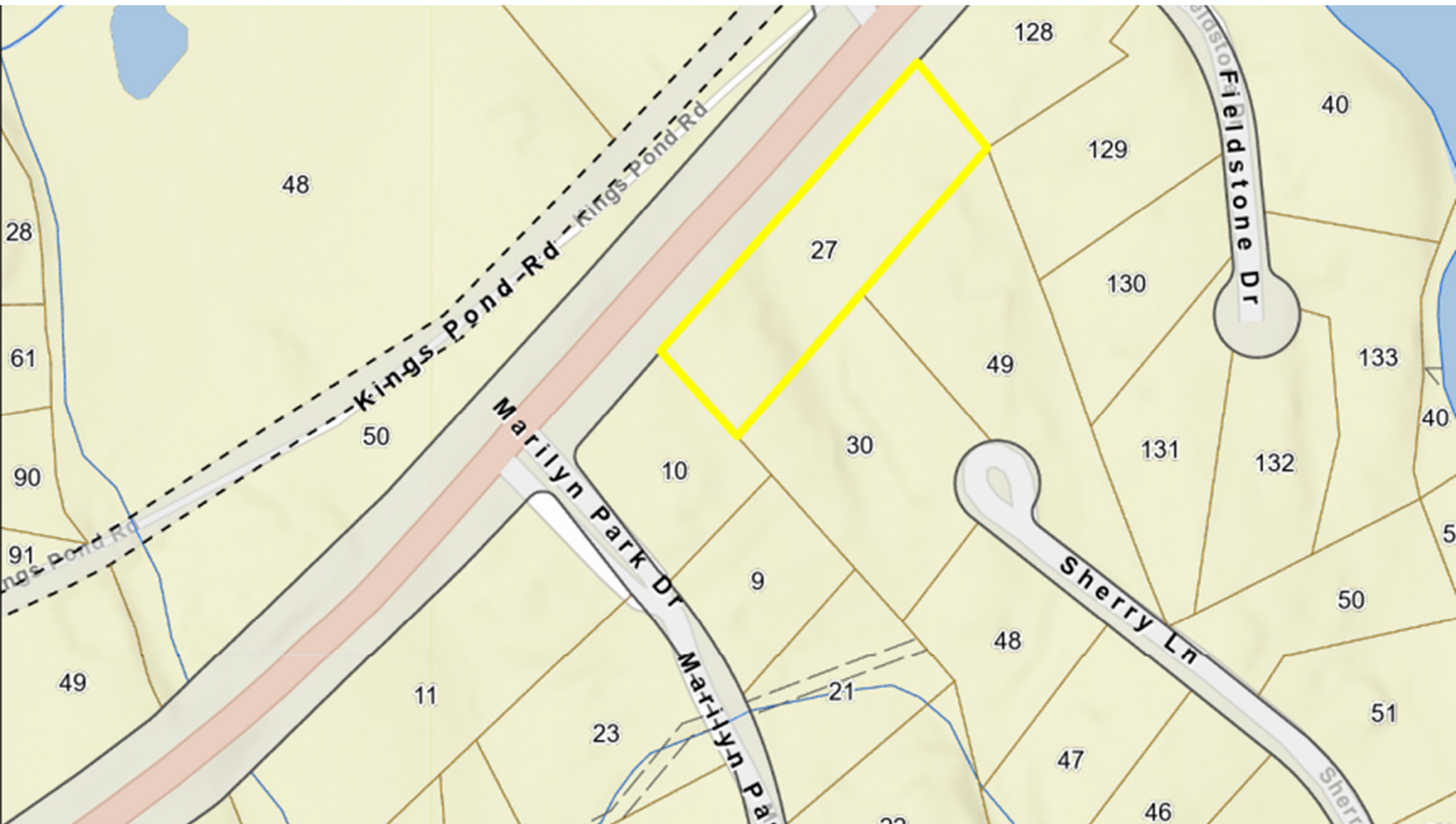
- Map/Lot Location Description acreage
- **2/59** Kimberly Road Backlot partially wet, abuts conservation land *2.94 acres*
- **10/1** 1 Kent Farm Road partially dry *5.92 acres*
- **13/87** Faith Drive Backlot Abuts conservation land *4.23 acres*
- **13/118** 28 Hazel Drive Commercial excavated and wet lot *6.9 acres*
- **6/27** Route 111 Partially wet abuts Rt. 111 *1.86 acres*
- **19/40** Mayflower Drive Landlocked dry *5.0 acres*

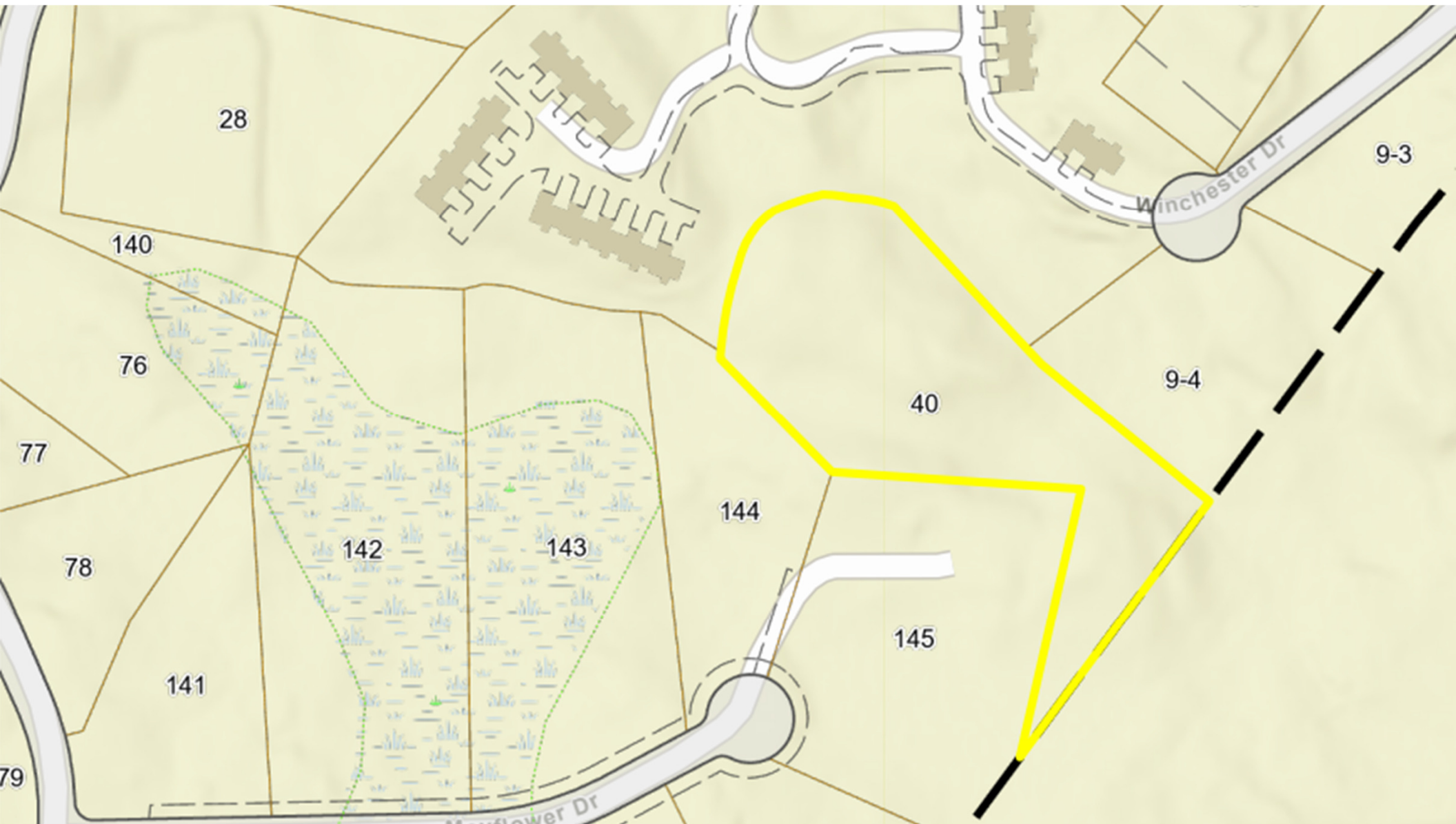


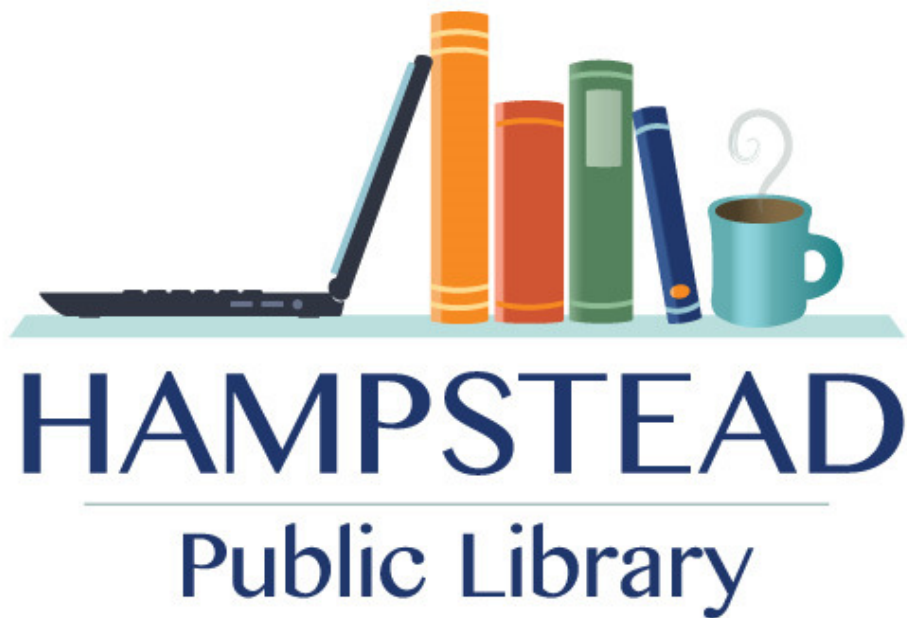












ARTICLE 13

- To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 (Twelve Thousand Dollars) to be placed in the existing Hampstead Public Library Building Maintenance Non-Capital Reserve Fund.
- Balance 12/31/23 \$10,188.66
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*

ARTICLE 14

- Shall the Town vote to change the purpose of the Building Capital Improvement Capital Reserve Fund created in 2022 to the Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund which will be used to fund projects recommended by the Town's Capital Improvement Plan adopted under RSA 674:5 which include but are not limited to road construction, reconstruction, and acquisition of capital improvements, and the acquisition of equipment? And furthermore, to name the Selectmen as agents to expend from said fund (2/3 vote required)
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

ARTICLE 15

- Shall the Town vote to establish a Capital Improvement Plan Capital Reserve Fund under RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding projects as recommended in the Town's Capital Improvement Plan adopted under RSA 674:5 which include but are not limited to road construction, construction, reconstruction, and acquisition of capital improvement, and the acquisition of equipment, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1 (One Dollar) from the unassigned fund balance. Further to name the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from such fund. This article shall be null and void if Article 14 does pass.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*

ARTICLE 16

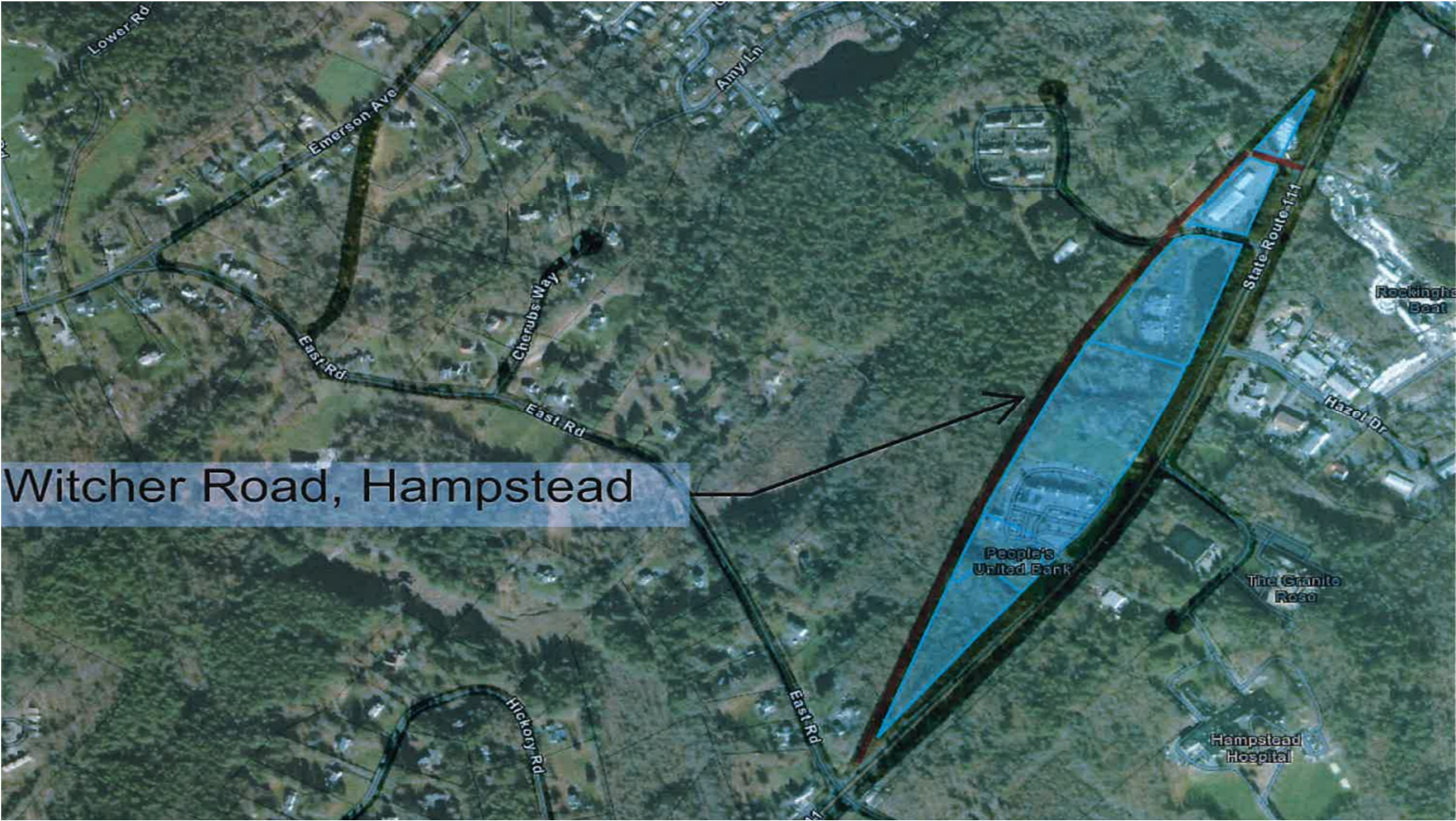
- To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 72:39-b to modify the elderly exemptions qualifications from a net income of not more than \$35,000 to \$40,000, or if married, from a combined net income of not more than \$50,000 to \$70,000 and assets not in excess of \$100,000; and to modify the elderly exemption based on the assessed value for qualified taxpayers to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years of age from \$150,000 to \$210,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years of age from \$200,000 to \$280,000; and for a person 80 years of age or older from \$230,000 to \$322,000. To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*

ARTICLE 17

- To see if the Town will vote pursuant to RSA 72:37-b to modify the exemption for the disabled and/or blind qualifications from a net income of not more than \$35,000 to \$40,000 or if married, from a combined net income of not more than \$50,000 to \$70,000 and assets not in excess of \$100,000 and has been a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married to each other for at least 5 consecutive years.
- *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen 5-0*
- *Recommended by the Budget Committee 3-0 (advisory only)*

ARTICLE 18

- By Petition:
- Shall the Town vote to fully discontinue that portion of Whitcher Road beginning at the Easterly line of Village Green Road and extending Southeasterly to its intersection with NH State Route 111, adjacent to Map 12, Lot 119?



Witcher Road, Hampstead

ARTICLE 19

- By Petition:
- To see If the Town shall adopt the provisions of RSA 32:14 to establish a municipal budget committee.
- *Not recommended by the Board of Selectmen 0-5*

TITLE III TOWNS, CITIES, VILLAGE DISTRICTS, AND UNINCORPORATED PLACES

CHAPTER 32 MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW Budget Committee Section 32:14 32:14 Adoption. –

I. This subdivision may be adopted:

(a) By any town with a town meeting form of government, including those with a budgetary town meeting, official ballot town meeting, or representative town meeting pursuant to RSA 49-D:3, II, II-a, and III, or by a town with an official ballot town council form of government under which part or all of the annual town operating budget is voted upon by official ballot;

(b) By a cooperative school district, in accordance with RSA 195:12-a;

(c) By any village district, or district created under RSA 53-A or 53-B, which adopts its budget at an annual meeting of its voters, and which is located in more than one municipality; or

(d) By any school district or village district which adopts its budget at an annual meeting of its voters, but which lies wholly within a municipality that lacks authority to adopt this subdivision.

II. This subdivision may be adopted by a majority vote of those present and voting, under an article in the warrant for the annual meeting, inserted by the governing body or by petition.

III. Voting shall be by ballot, but the question shall not be placed on the official ballot used to elect officers. Polls shall remain open and ballots shall be accepted by the moderator for a period of not less than one hour following the completion of discussion on the question.

IV. If the vote is favorable, the town or district shall at that same meeting vote, by ballot or other means, determine the number of members-at-large, as provided in RSA 32:15, I, and whether they shall be elected or appointed by the moderator.

V. A town or district which has adopted this subdivision may rescind its adoption in the manner described in paragraphs II and III. **Source.** 1993, 332:1, eff. Aug. 28, 1993. 2008, 243:3, eff. Aug. 23, 2008.

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