

September 27, 2022

To: The Community Preservation Committee

From: Amy Usowski, Conservation Administrator

CPC article update Fall 2022

1. 2018 Article #57 Public Access in the Hinckley's Pond Remediation Project -\$75,000 of the \$650,000 budget

In April we signed a contract with Engineer and Land Surveyor John O'Reilly of J.M. O'Reilly & Associates, to do the landside plan. I have met with him and showed him what we want on it. I am awaiting the plan. The cost for his services was \$7,500, not to exceed \$8,000. Our budget is \$75,000. Once we have the plan, we can do the permit applications in-house and will do that asap. We hope for construction Spring 2023.

2. 2019 Article #45 Red River Beach Shoreline Stabilization Project, \$100,000

Late last year I put out a request for quotes on this project and didn't get any. The Town put in a temporary solution of concrete blocks covered in sand last year, and it is holding well. I would give you back these funds, and try to get quotes for the engineering and work prior to applying again for CPC funds.

3. 2020 Article #29 (4) Restoration & Rehabilitation of Town-Owned Conservation Lands, \$20,000

New signage of conservation rules and regulations have been made and installed at various conservation lands. Several hundred linear feet of heavy-duty post and rail fencing has been purchased, and much of it installed at the Robbins Pond Conservation Area and Bells Neck Conservation Lands to keep people off of sensitive areas and prevent ATV usage. Wireless Trail Cameras have been purchased in September 2022. We looked last year but most of the ones that would work for what we need them for were back-ordered and just back in stock now. We have purchased 4 cameras with mounting equipment and anti-theft box, for a total cost of about \$1100. They have not been delivered at the time of this memo but should be soon, and we have locations of repeat vandalism and dumping we want to put them at. Currently there is about \$15,000 left of the funding. The Conservation Department is looking into the cost of purchasing an electronic gate for the Bells Neck Conservation Area, to keep people out at night and especially at night during herring season. Anticipated cost appears to be about \$6,000. This will be vetted by the Conservation Commission prior to moving forward on purchase. We are also going to purchase more of the sturdy post-and-rail fencing this fall.