

8 Town Regional School District Planning Board

c/o RSDPB Chair, Lucy Prashker

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August 25, 2022

By Email

Town of Great Barrington

Town of Stockbridge

Town of West Stockbridge

Town of Sheffield

Town of New Marlborough

Town of Monterey

Town of Egremont

Town of Alford

Berkshire Hills Regional School District School Committee

Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee

Re: 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board / Request for Funding

Dear Selectboards and School Committees:


At our last meeting, the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board ("RSDPB") voted to ask our 8 towns and two school districts for \$15,000 each to fund the RSDPB's next 12 months of operations.

As we mentioned during our most recent update meetings with the selectboards/finance committees earlier this summer, our existing funds will be close to fully expended by September 30th. As you know, most of our funding to date was secured through state grants. Those funds were required to be fully expended by June 30, 2022, which they were. While we had hoped for additional state funding to support our work in FY23, this year's state budget unfortunately (and somewhat surprisingly) did not include any funding specifically earmarked for regionalization efforts. As a result, we must look to you for additional funding in order to continue our work.

We have attached our current estimate of the funds needed over the next 12 months. After applying \$51,630 we were able to preserve from the funds the 8 towns appropriated for our work in FY22 (\$64,000 in the aggregate), and assuming, as looks probable, we are able to secure a grant from the Barr Foundation of \$50,000 to cover the cost of certain educational visioning work that is planned, the net amount needed is approximately \$150,000. A contribution of \$15,000 by each of the 8 towns and the two school districts would cover that amount.

We would be happy to appear at your next available meeting to address any questions. We thank you for your past support of this important work and for what we know will be your careful consideration of this request.

Very truly yours,



Lucy Prashker
Chair, RSDPB

Copy: Peter Taylor
Jake Eberwein

<u>RSDPB Proposed Expenses (FY23, 12 month)</u>		<u>July 2022-June 2023</u>	
Project Manager	\$	60,000.00	
Research Team	\$	40,000.00	
Administration	\$	14,000.00	
Abrahams (Finance)	\$	15,000.00	
Legal	\$	12,000.00	
Website	\$	1,000.00	
Community Outreach	\$	25,000.00	
Educational Visioning			
9-12 consultants, facilitators, supplies	\$	50,000.00	
PK-4, 5-8 lead teachers, supplies	\$	21,400.00	
<u>CVTE lead teachers, supplies</u>	\$	<u>13,500.00</u>	
	\$	<u>251,900.00</u>	<u>Working Total</u>
Less Barr grant (\$50,000) & current town funds (\$51,630)	\$	<u>150,220.00</u>	<u>Adjusted Total (Need)</u>

From: The Monterey MA Parks Commission

Aug 29, 2022

To: The Select Board Town of Monterey MA

It has come to the attention of the Monterey Parks commission that the infield of the Greene Park ballfield has been in need of repair for the past several years. The acute awareness of this need has apparently been voiced over the course of many summer playing seasons but has failed to come to the attention of the Parks Commission due to membership turnover and a budgeting process which begins in the late winter at a time when representation of the need is absent.

On behalf of the Monterey Parks Commission I am writing to request that \$10,000 (or any other sum necessary for completion of the work as permitted by the Select Board) be allotted at the Special Town Meeting to the Monterey Parks commission for the

renovation of the infield to be completed in the fall of this year. The Parks Commission is expecting a budget surplus that may approximate the needed funds and this, primarily from the unanticipated early termination of lifeguard services leaving a \$6,000 surplus on account. However, as we cannot adequately account for all the expenses of the remaining fiscal year, and as we would rather not postpone renovation to the next fiscal year and the disruption this work would entail at the heart of the playing season, we ask that the Select Board grant this request to ensure the field renovation this fall or early spring depending on contractor availability.

On behalf of the Parks Commission,

HANNON LERNER, P.C.

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INVOICE

September 1, 2022

Board of Selectmen
Town of Monterey
P.O. Box 308
Monterey, MA 01245

RE: Hume Lake Christian Camp, LLC v. Thomas M. Sawyer et al.

LEGAL SERVICES

Prepared docketing statement for Hume appeal. Conferenced with Attorney

Glover regarding contents of record appendix. Reviewed testimony and cross

examinations of trial transcriptions, as well as Exhibits and stipulations.

Prepared four volumes of record appendices and performed conversion for formatting.

Prepared table of contents for record appendices. Rendered four volumes of appendices

searchable pursuant to Massachusetts Rules of Appellate Procedure. Performed research

and reviewed cases on standard for determining whether a primary use is religious when

considered with secular uses, including review of assessor valuation appeals for

determination of primarily religious activities. Reviewed Judge Sands's decision in

Timothy Hill and trial judge's decision and judgment pertaining thereto. Reviewed

educational appellate cases for authority as well. Prepared outline for brief.

Drafted appellate brief for appeal. Reviewed edited and finalized brief. Confirmed pin-cites in brief with appellate cases. Checked citations in brief to record for accuracy. Shepardized cases and performed Keycite review on Westlaw. Prepared addendum and tables of contents for brief and addendum. Assembled brief and record appendices for filing. Prepared certificate of compliance for brief and formatted brief to comply with e-filing requirements. 46.7

Hannon Lerner Expenses:

07-20-2022 E-filing costs and fees, Massachusetts Appellate Court, filing for Defendant/Appellant.....\$331.31

Legal Billing: 46.7 hours @ \$180.00/hr.....\$8,406.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.....\$8,737.31

Town Administrator

From: Monterey MA via Monterey MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 1, 2022 10:06 AM
To: selectboard montereyma.gov
Subject: Form submission from: Appointment Request Application

Submitted on Thursday, September 1, 2022 - 10:06am
Submitted by anonymous user: 216.19.243.28
Submitted values are:

Please accept this application for appointment to the: Finance Committee

Name: Hillel Maximon

Residential Address: [REDACTED] Monterey, MA

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Monterey, MA 01245

Phone: [REDACTED] (land-line)

Email: [REDACTED]

Reappointment? : No

Reason for applying:

I would like to be considered for the open seat on the Finance Committee.

Please excuse this late submission, but I was unaware that the Select Board was considering appointing someone to fill the vacancy, and I certainly could not have known that there was a submission date – because we still do not have internet or cell services at home.

In fact, I am submitting this application from the Monterey Library!

I am not running for office – I am volunteering to share my knowledge and experience with my fellow Montereyans. I have had a long and successful career in accounting and finance with more than forty-five years of experience as a professor and researcher; consultant and manager; author and publisher.

Relevant Experience:

My most relevant experience related to the demands of a finance committee member was the ten years that I spent as a controller at the City University of New York. I was responsible for preparing and managing multi-million-dollar budgets, with hundreds of employees, and significant capital investments; university-wide contracts; cost analysis and financial statements; facilities planning; and purchasing. While the principles for financing a town are similar to those for a university – they differ greatly in size and complexity.

My credentials are less impressive or important than my experience – a bachelor's degree in mathematics; an MBA in accounting; an advanced certificate in statistics; and a CPA.

Like Scott Jenssen, I see an opportunity to help our town as we face challenging decisions.

Is this an open seat? Yes

Is the seat elected or appointed? Appointed

Are you a registered voter in Monterey? Yes

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.montereyma.gov/node/23211/submission/7016>

Town Administrator

From: justin montereyma.gov
Sent: Wednesday, September 7, 2022 4:04 PM
To: Ross, Louis (DCR); selectboard montereyma.gov
Cc: Cashman, Craig R (DCR); Howard, Jennifer (DCR); admin montereyma.gov
Subject: RE: DCR Notice of Proposed Land Acquisition, 301 CMR 51.00,
#P-001014,Monterey/Tyringham

I, Justin Makuc, Chairman of the Select Board of the Town of Monterey, Massachusetts, do hereby certify that on September 7, 2022, it was announced at a public meeting of the Select Board that:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation may acquire the property located in the Town of Monterey shown on the locus map marked as "Exhibit A" for conservation and/or recreation purposes.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: DCR Notice of Proposed Land Acquisition, 301 CMR 51.00,
#P-001014, Monterey/Tyringham
From: "Ross, Louis (DCR)" <louis.ross@state.ma.us>
Date: Fri, September 02, 2022 10:00 am
To: "selectboard@montereyma.gov" <selectboard@montereyma.gov>
Cc: "Cashman, Craig R (DCR)" <craig.r.cashman@state.ma.us>,
"Howard, Jennifer (DCR)" <jennifer.howard@state.ma.us>

Dear Chairman Makuc and Members of the Board:

This email serves as a notice to you as required by 301 CMR 51.00.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Conservation and Recreation ("DCR"), has under consideration the acquisition of a 242+/- acre parcel of land located off Beartown Mountain Road in the Town of Monterey ("Town") and off Brace Road in the Town of Tyringham adjacent to Beartown State Forest. Approximately 105+/- acres are located in Monterey and approximately 137+/- acres are located in Tyringham. The property is currently primarily undeveloped woodland and used for open space. The proposed use for the property will be protected open space with public access. Attached is a locus map marked "Exhibit A," which shows the property that DCR is interested in acquiring.

The applicable regulations require the disclosure of the Commonwealth's reasons for the proposed land acquisition at a public hearing held in the Town where such real property is located. To comply with this requirement, we ask that the Select Board ("Board") announce at its next regularly scheduled meeting that the Commonwealth is considering this acquisition for the above-stated purposes. The Board does not need to take any vote or other formal action with respect to the

announcement. Please document the announcement in the Board's meeting minutes and in a reply email to me by copying and pasting into the reply email the statement in the box below with the appropriate date of the Board's meeting at which the announcement was made filled in:

Certificate of Announcement pursuant to 301 CMR 51.07(2)

DCR #P-001014, Town of Monterey

I, Justin Makuc, Chairman of the Select Board of the Town of Monterey, Massachusetts, do hereby certify that on _____, 2022, it was announced at a public meeting of the Select Board that:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation may acquire the property located in the Town of Monterey shown on the locus map marked as "Exhibit A" for conservation and/or recreation purposes.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, kindly contact Craig Cashman, DCR's Director of Government Affairs at Craig.R.Cashman@mass.gov. For your information, DCR has sent a similar notice to Senator Adam Hinds, Representative William Pignatelli, the Tyringham Board of Selectmen and the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
Lou Ross



Louis M. Ross, Assistant General Counsel
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