Article 2021-nn Update List of Town Forest Parcels

Shall the Town vote to designate the following small unbuildable parcels as Atkinson Town Forests, to be managed by the Conservation Commission under the provisions of RSA 31:112?

Map 4 Lot 47, a 4-acre, land-locked parcel along the state line with Massachusetts abutting (and to be added to) the Sawyer Town Forest

Map 12 Lot 1-1, a 7-acre, mostly-wet parcel comprising the Hovey Meadow Pond and its shoreline, and abutting (and to be added to) the Chadwick Town Forest,

Map 12 Lot 2-3, a 1.8-acre, land-locked, mostly-wet parcel close to (and to be added to) the Chadwick Town Forest.

Map 12 Lot 7-1, a 8.25-acre, land-locked parcel abutting (and to be added to) the Chadwick Town Forest,

Map 12 Lot 12, a 2.44-acre, land-locked parcel abutting (and to be added to) the Chadwick Town Forest,

Map 12 Lot 17, a 2.6-acre, land-locked parcel abutting the 2 previous parcels, to be added to the Chadwick Town Forest, and

Map 20, Lot 13-1, a 3.9-acre, mostly wet parcel on Lakeside Drive in the vicinity of both the Marshall and Stickney Town Forests, which provides a critical link in a wildlife corridor between those Town Forests, to be added to the Stickney Town Forest.

This article is based on similar articles that appeared on the ballots in 2012, 2013, 1nd 2014.

Talking Points:

- The location of these parcels is shown on the attached maps.
- The Town came to own these parcels as shown in the attached table.
- Including these small parcels in Town Forests enables the Conservation Commission to assume responsibility for managing the health of the forest by performing selective timber cuts, as needed, to improve the health of the forest. This is usually revenue-positive, and proceeds from timber cuts are placed in the Forest Management Fund.
- Including these parcels in Town Forests also enables the Conservation Commission to
 provide for passive recreation for the public, for example, by creating or extending trails
 on them.

Acquisition History of Proposed Town Forest Parcels

Source: Spreadsheet prepared by Barbara Snicer

Map 4 Lot 47	Tax Sale, 2/4/2019
Map 12 Lot 1-1	Land swap, Lewis Builders, 12/28/1992
Map 12 Lot 2-3	7 ½% Donation, Lewis Builders, 11/28/1978
Map 12 Lot 7-1	Land swap, Lewis Builders, 12/28/1992
Map 12 Lot 12	Land swap, Lewis Builders, 12/28/1992
Map 12 Lot 17	Tax Sale, 4/16/1990
Map 20, Lot 13-1	Tax Sale, 4/1/1972





