



STAFF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM #: 18-013
COUNCIL MTG OF: January 16, 2018
FROM: Dave Caron, Town Administrator
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SUBJECT: Retain Tax Deeded Property for Public Use

PURPOSE: Seek approval to retain certain properties acquired by tax deed for public use.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: The Council is encouraged to adopt Resolution #2018-006; it is staff's goal to systematically review all tax deeded properties to bring resolution on the status of each property (i.e. retain for public use; determine abutter interest; or sell at public auction).

BACKGROUND: Pursuant to RSA 80:42-a, state statutes allow the Town Council to retain ownership of certain properties acquired by tax deed for public use. As the Town attempts to cull the number of properties by tax deed and not returned to the tax rolls, staff recognizes that certain properties appear on the list each year, and are in fact serving some public purpose. Formally retaining these properties for public use by Council action will remove these properties from the disposal list and transfer stewardship to the appropriate department in need of that particular asset.

DISCUSSION: The property proposed for retention is located at 45 Hunter Drive, and borders the East Derry Memorial Elementary School to the south and east of the subject property. The 8.8 acre parcel is irregularly configured, and is best utilized for an additional buffer for the School District along with potential use as ancillary recreation and nature areas.

FISCAL IMPACT: The potential annual loss of revenues by keeping the property as non-taxable is approximately \$3,500; this amount is offset by cost avoidance resulting from retaining the property in the event that this land would be required and need to be re-purchased.

RECOMMENDATION ACTION BY COUNCIL & MOTION:

Adopt Resolution #2018-006.

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