

**Town of Lexington
Motion
Special Town Meeting 2020-3**

ARTICLE 7

LAND ACQUISITION

MOTION: That (a) the Select Board or the Conservation Commission be authorized to purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire for conservation purposes, including passive recreation as provided by M.G.L. c. 40, Section 8C, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of Lexington, any fee, easement, or conservation restriction as defined in M.G.L. c. 184, § 31, or other interest in all or any part of land known as Lot 233 on Assessors' Property Map 40, and further identified as Parcel #1, containing 4.48 acres, more or less, as shown on plan entitled "Conceptual Layout" prepared by GCG Associates, Inc. dated 10/1/2018, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board may determine, and to conduct all necessary site surveys and environmental assessments and to incur legal and closing costs in connection therewith; and that \$3,560,000 be appropriated for such land acquisition and related costs; and that to raise such amount, \$880,000 be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve of the Community Preservation Fund and \$1,680,000 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance of the Community Preservation Fund, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow \$1,000,000 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7 or pursuant to any other enabling authority; and by applying and receiving funding under the Commonwealth's Local Acquisitions of Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant Program under M.G.L. c. 132, Section 11; and that the Select Board and Conservation Commission be authorized to enter into any contracts and agreements related to the application or the award of any such funds. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less the cost of preparing, issuing and marketing them, and any accrued interest received upon the delivery of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of project costs approved by this vote, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

(10/14/2020)