

Memorandum



To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Ryan Spitzer

Date: 10/21/2021

Re: LWCF Grant

Overview:

In 2019 Kristy Detwiler wrote a grant to purchase property to expand our park system. The grant was supposed to be awarded in the spring of 2020 but got delayed until the Fall of 2021 due to COVID-19. The grant was written for property at the end of Lake Drive.

The Town requested the State to allow us to purchase the property prior to the award of the grant because of interest in the property. At the time, the State said that if the Town preemptively purchased the property we would not qualify for the grant when it was awarded. Due to the delay in award notification and other circumstances the property was purchased by someone else.

Council needs to have a discussion of if they want to approach the current property owner to see if they would be willing to sell, identify potential new properties and approach the State to see if we could purchase them, or notify the State that we cannot use the grant proceeds anymore.

Other potential properties are:

1. Parcel on Goodsell Court identified in the PARC Masterplan
2. 813 Main Street - This is Floodway property that is adjacent to Jack Hughes Park. It could be used for passive recreation amenities and maybe a small amenity area if allowed.
3. Other parcels strategically located next to existing parks or areas identified in the PARC Masterplan.

Attachments:

Notice of Grant Award