



**Town of Mansfield
Agenda Item Summary**

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager *MWH*
CC: Linda Painter, Director of Planning and Development; Jennifer Kaufman, Parks Coordinator
Date: January 9, 2012
Re: Open Space Acquisition - Hickory Lane-Lot 7 (AKA Lot 19 River Ridge Estates)

Subject Matter/Background

Eileen Ossen has offered to donate property located on Hickory Lane northeast of Elizabeth Road to the Town for open space purposes. The subject property (Lot 19 River Ridge Estates, aka Hickory Lane Lot 7) was created in 1971 as part of the River Ridge Estates Subdivision. The property has remained undeveloped since the subdivision was recorded, and is located adjacent to open space dedicated to the town as part of the subdivision (see attached location map and aerial photograph).

Pursuant to the Planning, Acquisition and Management Guidelines for Mansfield Open Space, Park, Recreation, Agricultural Properties and Conservation Easements, a public hearing is required for any proposed land acquisition. As part of the public hearing process, neighboring property owners will be notified and the proposed acquisition will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 8-24.

Financial Impact

The assessed value of this parcel is \$18,850 as the site is not considered to be a building lot for assessment purposes. The most recent annual tax assessment for the parcel was \$494.91.

Legal Review

No legal review is required at this time. If the acquisition is approved, staff will work with the Town Attorney to prepare the necessary documents for transfer of the property to Town ownership.

Recommendation

In accordance with the Planning, Acquisition and Management Guidelines, staff recommends that the Council refer the proposed acquisition to the Planning and

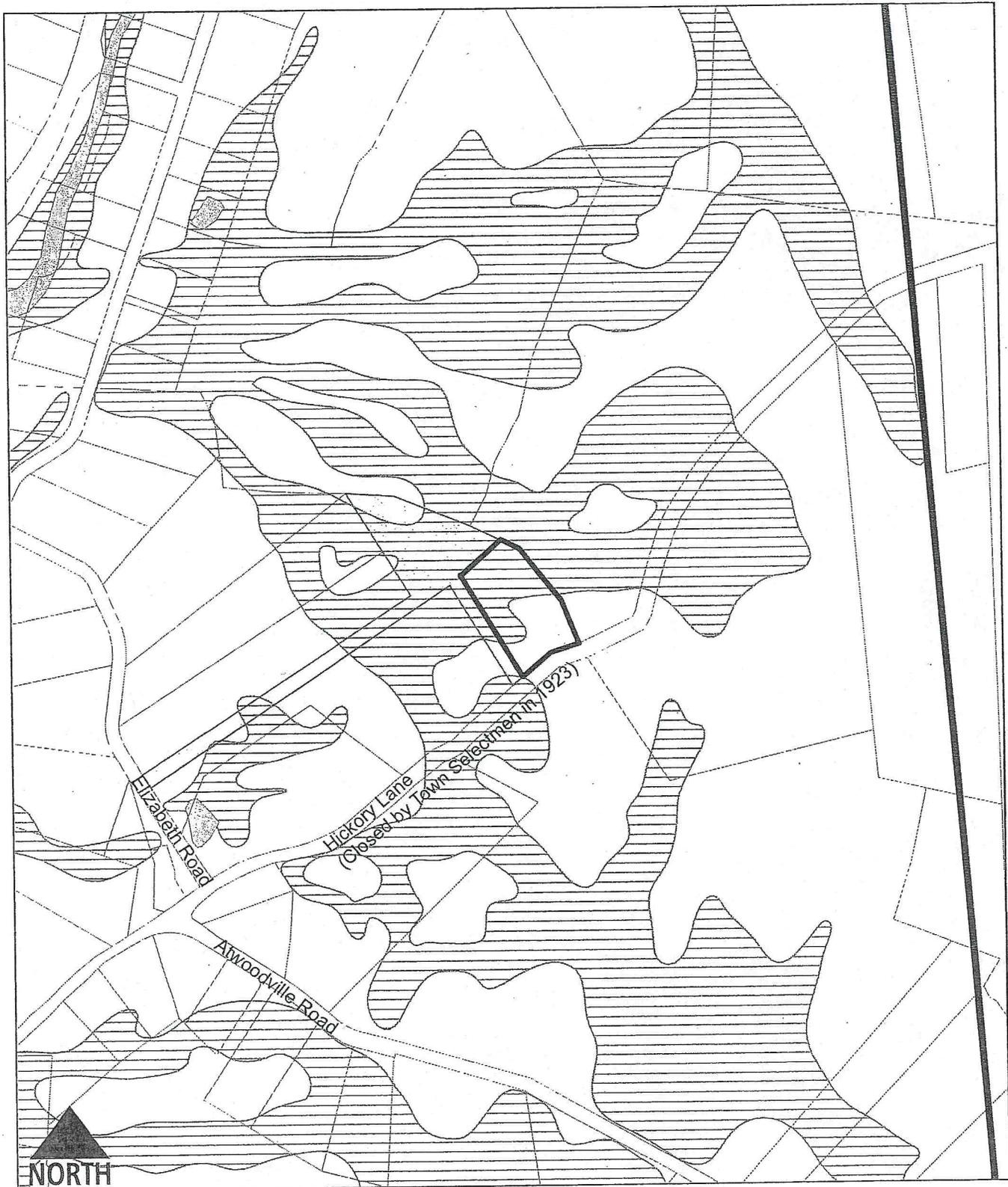
Zoning Commission and schedule a Public Hearing for January 23, 2012 to receive public comment regarding the proposed acquisition. Notice of the public hearing will be provided to neighboring property owners.

If the Town Council agrees with this recommendation, the following motion is in order:

Move, to refer the proposed acquisition of Hickory Lane Lot 7(aka Lot 19 River Ridge Estates) to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review under §8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes and to schedule a public hearing for 7:30 PM at the Town Council's regular meeting on January 23, 2012 to receive public comment regarding the proposed acquisition by the Town.

Attachments

- 1) Location map
- 2) Aerial Photograph



Legend

 **Town Boundary**

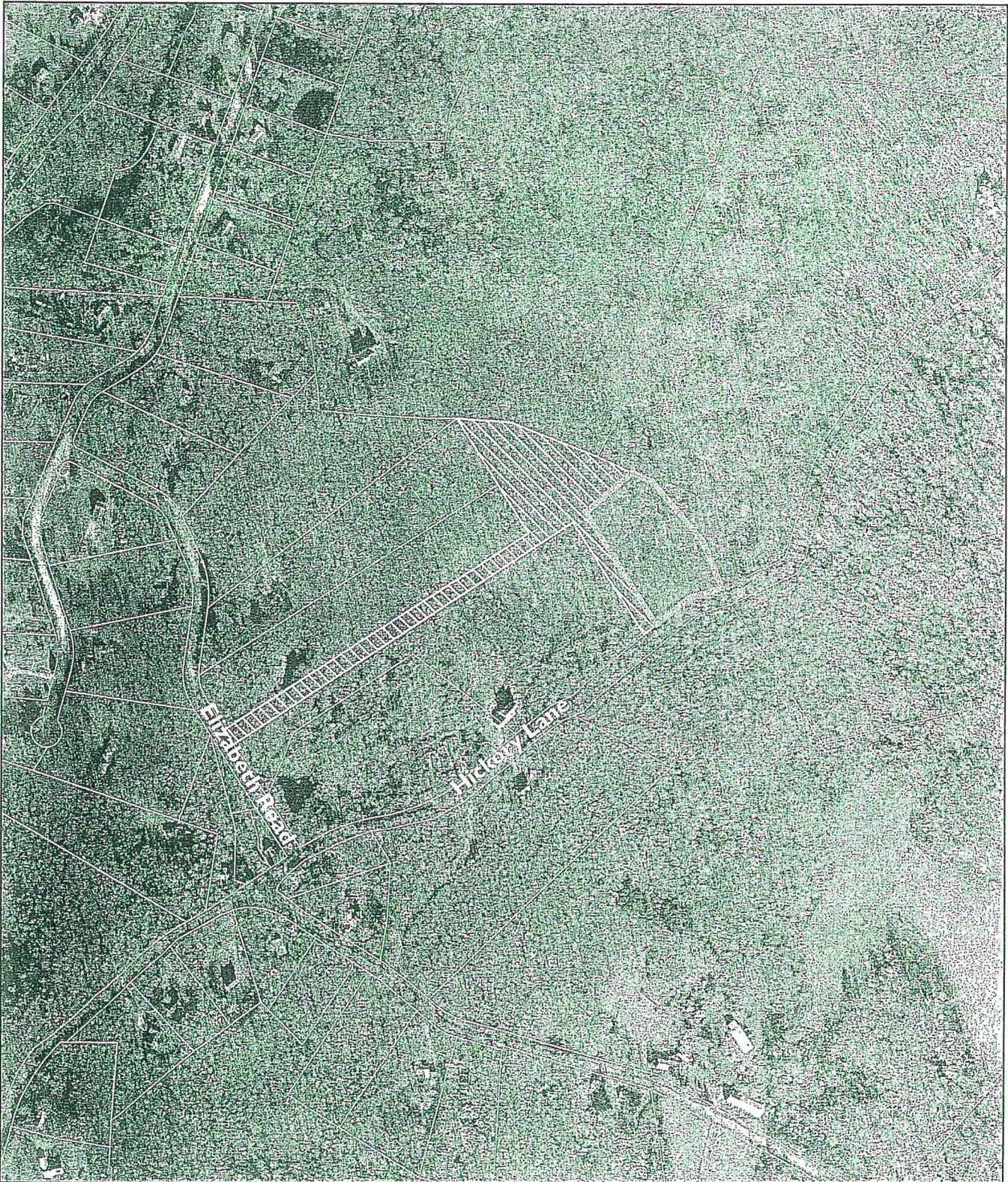
 **Open Space**

 **Hickory Lane-Lot 7**

Property Size: 2.8 Acres

 **Wetlands**

Zoning: RAR-90



Legend

-  Hickory Lane-Lot 7
-  Town

Open Space

