Town of Winchester Resolution 2024-02

A Resolution Committing Town-Owned Lands for the Development and Implementation of a Native Wisconsin Prairie and Woodland Restoration Project.

Whereas, in March 2021, the Town of Winchester was gifted 10.06 acres of land which included a Deed Restriction which stipulates in part that the land "...may only be used by the Grantee as an addition to the existing town park or for expansion of the Winchester Town Hall or Town of Winchester Fire Station. The use restriction shall remain in effect for forty (40) years from the date of this Deed..."; and

Whereas, the gifted lands abut the Town's existing park providing for a seamless extension of the Town's park, the full use of which would be a benefit to the public providing the opportunity for expanded recreational and educational opportunities; and

Whereas, the Town of Winchester Comprehensive Plan Community Identified Values include the Town's rural, country atmosphere; the quiet and peaceful environment; clean, fresh air; beautiful natural resources; wildlife habitats; open space - both agricultural and green space; and scenic vistas; and

Whereas, a Prairie and Woodland Restoration Project would promote and exemplify these identified community values; and

Whereas, the Prairie and Woodland Restoration will also provide for the development of walking trails promoting public health and safety; and

Whereas, the Prairie and Woodland Restoration will also provide for the development of educational opportunities for interest groups, the local community, and visitors; and

Whereas, the Prairie and Woodland Restoration requires a long-term commitment for the preparation of lands, and the planting, growth, and regeneration of native Wisconsin plants and trees;

By:

Attest:

Now therefore, be it resolved, the Town of Winchester hereby commits the Town-owned lands specifically identified as Parcel 028-0407-11, as well as abutting Town-owned lands available and appropriate for a Prairie and Woodland Restoration Project for a period of not less than 30 years.

This Resolution shall take effect upon the date of adoption.

Adopted this 19th day of August, 2024

Matthew J. Olson, Chairman

Dave Pavlik Supervisor #2

Andy Miller, Supervisor #1

Holly Stevens, Clerk