
Fwd: DCR Notice of Proposed Acquisition of Land, South Hadley, 301 CMR 51.00; #P-001110

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Dear Members of the Selectboard:

This email serves as a notice to you as required by 301 CMR 51.00. **Please reply to this email with the information requested below.**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting through its Department of Conservation and Recreation ("DCR"), is considering acquiring approximately 40.7 acres of forestland in the Town of South Hadley ("Town"), located at Mount Holyoke and adjacent to the Joseph Allen Skinner State Park or other interests in such land. The property is currently primarily undeveloped wooded uplands. The proposed use for the property will be protected conservation and recreational purposes with public access. Attached is a locus map marked "Exhibit A," which shows the property that DCR is interested in acquiring.

The applicable regulations require the disclosure of the Commonwealth's reasons for the proposed land acquisition at a public hearing held in the Town where such real property is located. To comply with this requirement, we request that the Selectboard ("Board") announce at its next regularly scheduled meeting that the Commonwealth is considering this acquisition for the above-stated purposes. The Board does not need to take any vote or other formal action with respect to the announcement. Please document the announcement in the Board's meeting minutes and in a reply email to me by copying and pasting into the reply email the statement in the box below, filled out appropriately with the name of the Board member documenting the announcement and the date of the Board's meeting at which the announcement was made:

Certificate of Announcement pursuant to 301 CMR 51.07(2)
DCR #P-001110, Town of South Hadley

I, _____, of the Selectboard of the Town of South Hadley, Massachusetts, do hereby certify that on _____, 2026, it was announced at a public meeting of the Selectboard:

The Department of Conservation and Recreation may acquire the property located in the Town of South Hadley as shown on the locus map marked as "Exhibit A" or other interest therein for conservation and/or recreation purposes.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, kindly contact Kendra Amaral, DCR Deputy Commission of Policy and Public Affairs at Kendra.Amaral@mass.gov. For your information, DCR has sent a similar notice to State Senator Jacob Oliveira, State Representative Homar Gomez, and the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,
Lou Ross

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