



**TOWN OF MILFORD**  
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**CONSERVATION COMMISSION**

May 3, 2021

**RE: Warrant Articles 11, 16, & 21.**

Dear Town Meeting Member:

Enclosed please find information relating to the three Articles in this year's Annual Town Meeting Warrant that the Milford Conservation Commission has sponsored. These Articles are proposing to transfer several tax-title parcels to the Conservation Commission's jurisdiction.

In order to provide you with accurate information, included for each Article is the text of the Article itself, and a narrative describing its relative importance. Also included are maps locating the parcels and showing pertinent locational and environmental aspects as appropriate, such as wetlands, floodplains, water courses or topography.

Over the years, both the Conservation Commission and Town Meeting have consistently followed the recommendations of the Milford Comprehensive Plan in protecting open spaces and environmentally sensitive areas. The Commission is seeking your support in preserving these parcels.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Milford Conservation Commission

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 15 to transfer the care, custody and jurisdiction of the following Town-owned parcel, totaling 0.78 acres, to the Milford Conservation Commission:

Assessors			
Map	Block	Lot	Area/Acres
37	0	4	0.78

the purpose thereof being to preserve said parcel located off of upper West Street for stormwater management, wetlands and open space protection, and conservation purposes, or take any other action in relation thereto.

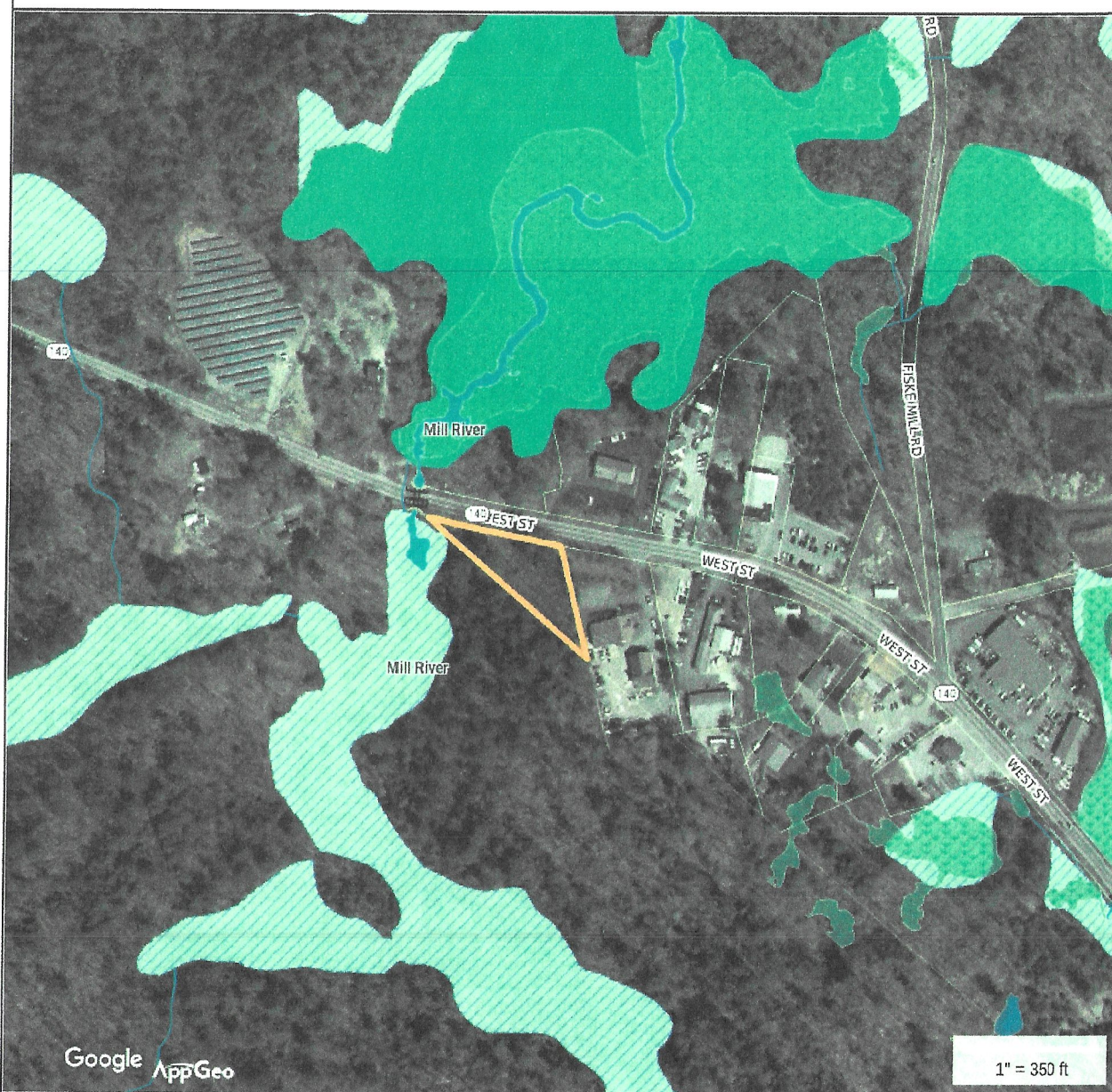
(Conservation Commission)

#### ARTICLE 11 NARRATIVE

Article 11 proposes to transfer the listed Town-owned parcel to Conservation Commission jurisdiction for stormwater management, open space protection, and conservation purposes. This 0.78 acre triangular parcel is located in the Mill River Watershed at the Milford/Hopedale Town line and has 300' of frontage along West Street. The lot is severely constrained by excessive ledge as well as steep slopes, having a 40' grade change across the property with portions of the lot being within the Mill River flood plain and floodway, and adjacent to wetlands associated with the river. Given its location, this parcel may be suitable for additional stormwater BMPs (best management practices) associated with mitigating run-off from West Street into the Mill River.



Upper West Street



Property Information

Property ID 37-0-4  
Location WEST ST  
Owner TOWN OF MILFORD



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ARTICLE 11

Map Theme Legends

Water Features

-  LAKES, PONDS, AND RESERVOIRS
-  RIVER
-  CONCRETE DRAIN
-  MARSH/SWAMP
-  BRIDGE
-  EARTHEN DAM
-  PIER
-  DAM
-  WALL
-  STREAM/CREEK
-  DITCH

Wetlands

-  Shoreline
-  Hydrologic Connection
-  Mean Low Water Line
-  Wetland Limit
-  Closure Line
-  Reservoir (with PWSID)
-  Marsh/Bog
-  Wooded Marsh
-  Cranberry Bog
-  Salt Marsh
-  Tidal Flats
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MassDEP Wetlands

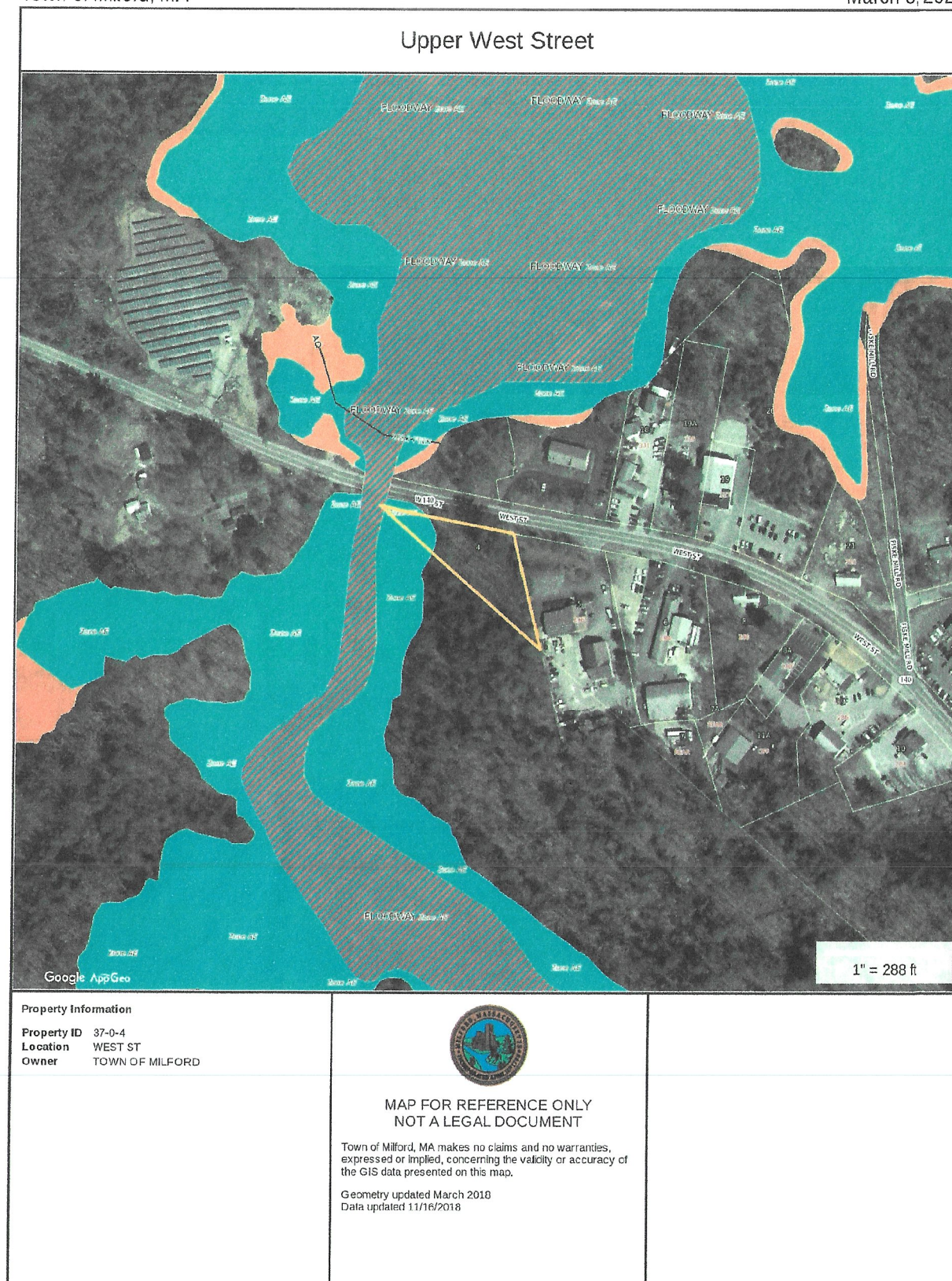
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## ARTICLE 11

Town of Milford, MA







March 8, 2021










## ARTICLE 11

### Map Theme Legends

#### FEMA Flood Zones

-  FIRM Panels
-  Cross-Sections
-  Coastal Transects
-  Limit of Moderate Wave Action
-  Coastal Barrier Resources System Area
-  Base Flood Elevations

#### Flood Hazard Zones

-  1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
-  Regulatory Floodway
-  Special Floodway
-  Area of Undetermined Flood Hazard
-  0.2% Annual Chance Flood Hazard
-  Future Conditions 1% Annual Chance Flood
-  Area with Reduced Risk Due to Levee

FEMA Map Service Center - See FEMA FIRM  
Panels theme for Effective Date



**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 15 to transfer the care, custody and jurisdiction of the following 2 Town-owned parcels, totaling 11.33 acres, to the Milford Conservation Commission:

Assessors			
Map	Block	Lots	Area/Acres
37	0	11	10.07
38	0	5	1.26

the purpose being to preserve said parcels located off of upper West Street for conservation and recreation purposes, stormwater management, wetlands and open space protection, as recommended in the Milford Comprehensive Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Conservation Commission)

#### ARTICLE 16 NARRATIVE

This Article would transfer the two Town-owned parcels to Conservation Commission jurisdiction. Doing so will preserve the parcels for conservation and recreation purposes, stormwater management, wetlands and open space protection, as recommended in the Milford Comprehensive Plan.

These two tax title parcels are in the Mill River Watershed, and are located on upper West Street across from Plains Automotive and the Humane Society. Given their location and having over 1,000' of frontage, they may be suitable for additional stormwater BMPs (best management practices) associated with mitigating stormwater run-off from West Street. Although both of these lots are constrained by wetlands, streams, and a vernal pool, some interior portions still exist that could accommodate a small multi-use recreation field in the future.



ARTICLE 16

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West Street Parcels



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Town of Milford 2015

### Wetlands

- Shoreline
- Hydrologic Connection
- Mean Low Water Line
- Wetland Limit
- Closure Line
- Reservoir (with PWSID)
- Marsh/Bog
- Wooded Marsh
- Cranberry Bog
- Salt Marsh
- Tidal Flats
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MassDEP Wetlands

### Natural Resource Protection

- NHESP Certified Vernal Pools
- NHESP Potential Vernal Pools
- NHESP Priority Habitats of Rare Species
- NHESP Estimated Habitats of Rare Wildlife
- Areas of Critical Environmental Concern
- Massachusetts DCR, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program



**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40 § 15 to transfer the care, custody and jurisdiction of the following 37 Town-owned parcels, totaling 6.60 acres, to the Milford Conservation Commission:

Assessors

Map	Block	Lots	Area/Acres
43	0	13, 15, 15A, 15B, 15C, 15D, 15E, 15F, 15G, 16, 17	2.40
43	0	18, 18A, 18B, 18C, 18D, 18E, 18F, 18G, 18H, 18J	1.10
43	0	33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 40A	2.07
43	0	41, 42, 43, 57, 58, 59, 60	1.03

the purpose being to preserve said parcels that are located off of the southerly end of Broad Street and Fairview Avenue and adjacent to Stall Brook, for aquifer and water resource protection, wetlands and open space protection, stormwater management, and conservation purposes, as recommended in the Milford Comprehensive Plan, or take any other action in relation thereto.

(Conservation Commission)

#### ARTICLE 21 NARRATIVE

The purpose of this Article is to transfer the 37 listed Town-owned parcels to Conservation Commission jurisdiction. Doing so will preserve the parcels for water resource protection, stormwater management, wetlands and open space protection, and conservation purposes, all as recommended in the Milford Comprehensive Plan.

The 37 parcels total 6.60 acres in area and are in the general vicinity of Stall Brook, being located at the southerly end of Broad Street and Fairview Ave. The majority of the parcels are each only approximately 0.11 acres in area. All of the listed parcels are within the Zone II Aquifer, and are within or adjacent to flood plain and wetlands associated with Stall Brook itself.

## ARTICLE 21

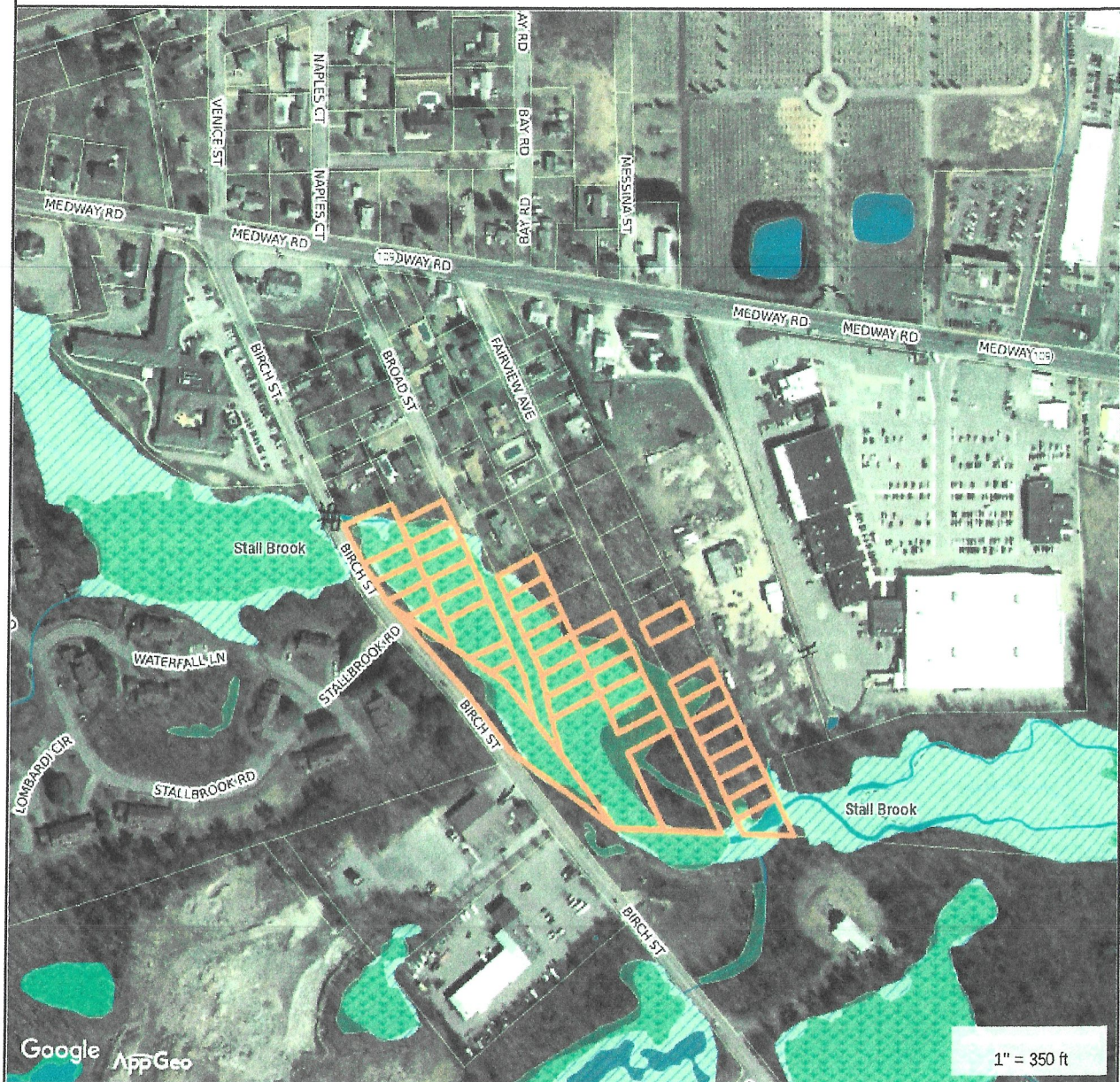
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Stall Brook Parcels



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



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