

TO: Richmond Selectboard

FROM: Ravi Venkataraman, Town Planner

DATE: September 29, 2021

SUBJECT: RiseVT Amplify Grant for Wetlands Delineation of Overrockers Park

Last month, Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Wetlands Program informed me that the parking area and trail connector established at Overrockers Park is within a mapped Class II wetland. They require that the Town assess the wetland and provide to DEC a wetlands delineation of the parcel. A wetlands delineation of the parcel is expected to cost \$2,500.

I would like to apply for a \$1,500 RiseVT Amplify Grant on behalf of the Town to help fund this project. This is the maximum amount of grant funds we can request from RiseVT. Having talked to RiseVT Program Manager Justin Graham, this project is eligible for the grant.

The Parking Advisory Committee is in conversation with the Conservation Commission to use conservation reserve funds to cover the \$1,000 gap in funding. Additional information about this will be provided to you in the coming weeks.

Once funding is secured for this project, I will carry out the project pursuant to the Town's purchasing policy. I will also keep you informed of progress of this project.

To facilitate action, I have prepared the following draft motion:

I, _____, move to approve pursuing the RiseVT Amplify Grant to support the wetlands delineation of Overrockers Park (1301 Cochran Road).