

## HAYES' PARK IN ETNA VILLAGE

Dear Friends of Etna & Hanover:

The Town of Hanover recently entered into an agreement with the family of Ethel Hayes to purchase 9.2-acres of open fields belonging to the Hayes' Farm, which surrounds the Etna Library. Since 1905 this rural village library has been affectionately used by many generations of Etna and Hanover residents. The Hayes' Farm itself dates back to xxxx.

In addition to using all available Town funds appropriated at Town Meeting two weeks ago for the purchase, we need to raise \$115,000 by the middle of July in order to acquire the property.

This land purchase will enable us create the Etna Village Hayes' Park and to achieve a number of worthwhile public goals, described in more detail in the accompanying brochure:

- Guarantee the future of this historic village library landmark, which is the original Hanover Town Library, and preserve its beautiful rural village setting;
- Provide room for future expansion of the Etna Library, including addition of a handicap-accessible rear entrance and accessible restroom, and to construct safe off-street parking behind the Library;
- Enable a multi-purpose park with open space, a play structure, pocket park, recreational field, natural areas, and hiking trail, as the community might decide, together with permanently conserved land on the upper hillside;
- Form a permanent community focal point for Etna and rural Hanover connecting together the Etna Library, the Etna Fire Station, and the Trescott Ridge Conservation lands.

On May 11<sup>th</sup> Town Meeting authorized the purchase of the Hayes property and the use of all remaining funds in the Land and Capital Improvements Fund, totaling \$190,000, toward financing it. An additional \$55,000 comes from the Conservation Fund in return for the permanent preservation of the 4.2 acre upper rear portion of the land.

We have gathered together a group of residents who have kindly offered to help with the effort to raise the needed \$115,000. Just last week, we received our first gift of \$5,000. We hope that you and many of your fellow citizens will join this effort by generously making a donation toward the purchase of this wonderful property. Your gift, made to the Town of Hanover and earmarked for the Hayes' Land Fund, is tax deductible. A donation envelope and a pledge card are enclosed.

Please feel free to contact Julia Griffin, Hanover Town Manager, at 643-0701 or [julia.griffin@hanovernh.org](mailto:julia.griffin@hanovernh.org) if you have any questions or require more information.

Sincerely,

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