

Did you know that the town of Hanover does not own the land immediately surrounding the Hanover Town Library, commonly called the Etna Library? At Town Meeting on the evening of Tuesday, May 11th, Hanover voters will have the opportunity to approve the purchase of a parcel of land, known as the Hayes property in Etna Village, with existing funds and private donations, in Article #17. There will no tax impact! The land will be utilized for the development of library parking and handicapped accessibility. Additional acreage will have the potential for conservation and recreational uses.

Our Etna Library staff has made great strides in stimulating and serving our patrons with a wide diversity of materials and interesting programs for people of all ages. One of the more popular programs is the twice-weekly childrens' story and craft time. Currently, the only parking for the library is alongside of the busy Etna/Hanover Center Road. Obtaining the land would enable the town to build a safe parking area behind the library building. Today, the library is only accessible via its very steep granite steps. Owning the land would allow the construction of a barrier free entrance behind the library to serve all patrons.

We hope that you will agree with the wisdom of obtaining this land to provide a vital future for this historic building for another 105 years! Please vote yes on Article #17.

Thank you,

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Rhonda Siegel

The Hanover Town Library Trustees