

Executive Summary

Date: October 4, 2019
To: Seth Morton, RTM Moderator
From: Kate Clarke Buch, Town Administrator
RE: Donation of Weed Beach Meadows

At the October 7, 2019 meeting of the Board of Selectmen, the Board is expected to adopt the attached resolution. The Parks & Rec Department is working with the Darien Foundation and the Darien Athletic Foundation on the Weed Beach Meadows and Walking Trail project. The two foundations have proposed donating the construction of the meadows and walking trail to the Town. At this time, the high-end estimate of the value of the construction is \$1.5 million. Parks & Rec is asking us to move forward with the acceptance of the donation at this time to allow for construction to begin, so that the project can be completed for the 2020 summer season. It would be appreciated if the RTM took this matter at the earliest possible opportunity.

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT
TO THE TOWN OF DARIEN FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF WEED BEACH
MEADOWS AND TRAIL FROM THE DARIEN ATHLETIC FOUNDATION AND THE
DARIEN FOUNDATION**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-33 of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of Darien, the Board of Selectmen is empowered on behalf of the Town of Darien to accept gifts provided that the gifts do not have a value in excess of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 2-33 of the Code of the Town of Darien, said gifts in excess of Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) may be accepted with action by the Representative Town Meeting of the Town of Darien; and

WHEREAS, the Darien Athletic Foundation and the Darien Foundation wishes to donate the construction of the Weed Beach Meadows and Walking Trail at Weed Beach; and

WHEREAS, the value of the gift has been estimated at an amount not to exceed \$1,500,000; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Selectmen wishes to accept this gift to create Weed Beach Meadows and Walking Trail at Weed Beach;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Darien hereby authorizes the acceptance of this gift and directs that this resolution be forwarded to the Representative Town Meeting for its consideration and approval of the donation.