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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 2, 2020

TO: Select Board

FROM: Marianne Iarossi, Open Space Planner/Conservation Agent

CC: Matthew Gardner, Chair, Natick Conservation Commission
James Freas, Director of Community & Economic Development

RE: 60R Harwood Road Land Donation

Meeting Date: July 8, 2020

The Town has a unique opportunity to protect the last remaining privately held parcel of land in the Sunkaway/Pickerel Pond conservation area. The Natick Conservation Commission has been approached by a local family who wishes to donate land in honor of their mother.

The property at 60R Harwood Road is over 5.5 acres in size and is important for its recreational and environmental values. The property encompasses portions of Pickerel Pond and its associated wetlands, falls within the Natick Aquifer Protection District and the 500-year flood zone, and is home to wildlife and publically accessible trails.

The Conservation Commission voted unanimously to accept the land donation at their 2/13/20 meeting.

Since that time, the Select Board had raised questions surrounding any potential environmental liabilities the property may possess. The Natick Conservation Commission called upon Hoosac Environmental, LLC to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) – attached here.*

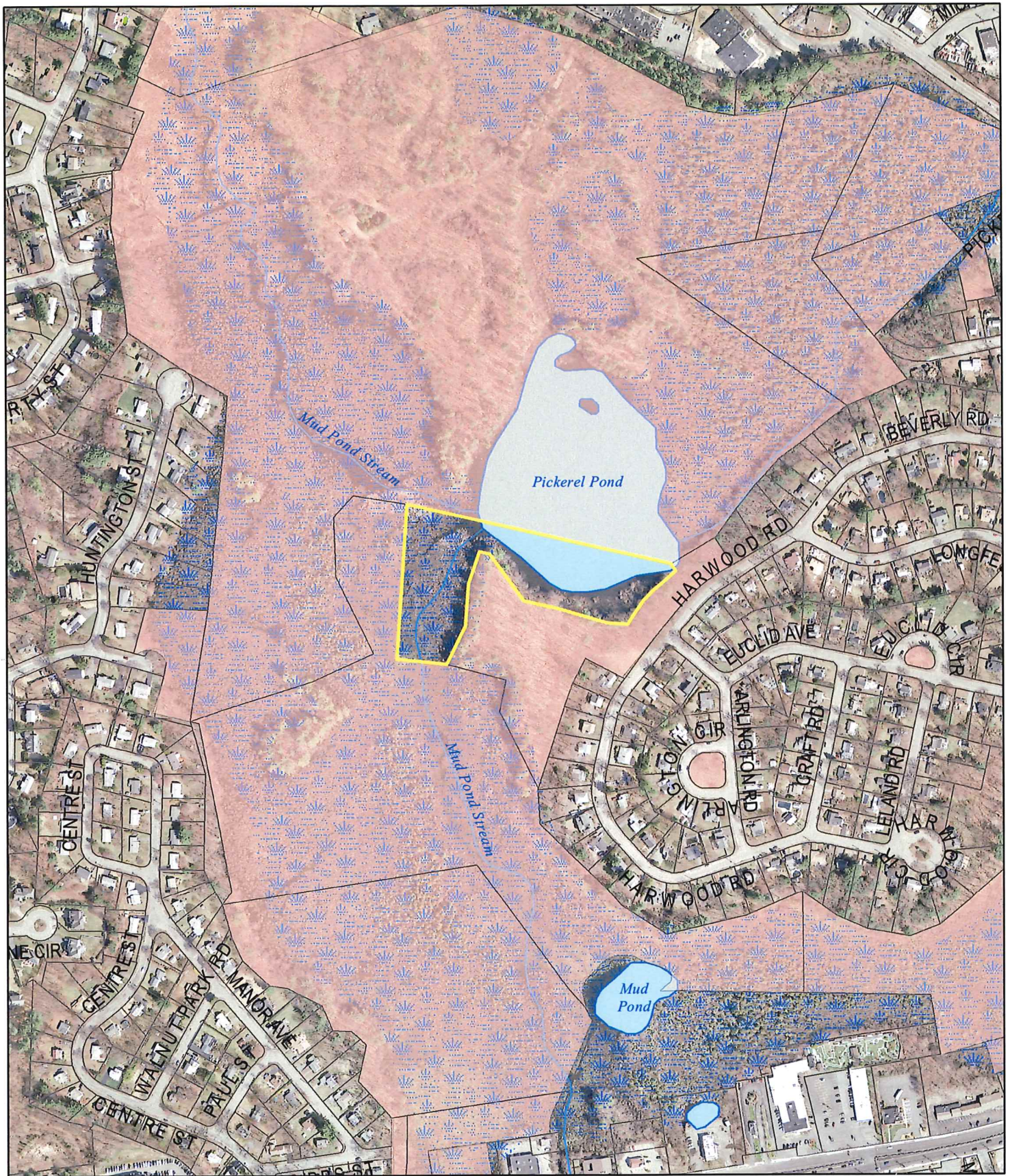
The results of the ESA demonstrate there are no known environmental liabilities – past or present – of the property. With this ESA in hand, we would like to again ask the Select Board to support this transaction.

We will be present at the July 8, 2020 meeting to discuss. Thank you.

Marianne Iarossi

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*The Appendices have been intentionally omitted due to file size. They are available upon request.



- 60R Harwood Road
- Open Space - Town owned

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Land Protection - 60R Harwood Road
Town of Natick Conservation Commission
February 2020