

From 2019 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 20,300 from the CPA General Unreserved Fund with \$18,300 for invasive species removal and native plantings for pollinators on town-owned conservation land. There is a \$2,000 contingency said funds only available after approval of the CPC for unexpected costs unforeseen at the time of application. Project to be completed in conformance with details as presented to the members of the CPC and to be documented in the application and signed Memorandum of Understanding. Said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee and Town Treasurer, or do or act anything in relation thereto.

Proposed by: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Board of Selectmen Recommendation: At Town Meeting*

Advisory Committee Recommendation: At Town Meeting

***Summary:** Under the direction of the Open Space Preservation Commission said funds will be used to target invasive species, including a stand of Tree of Heaven identified by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the Federal Government as a top priority for removal, Oriental Bittersweet infestation, and a stand of Japanese Knotweed that is obstructing views of a historic landscape while also damaging the structural integrity of a historic stone wall. Following invasive removal, under the direction of Dr. Robert Gegear, native plants will be installed that benefit pollinators with a focus on a rare species of bumblebee that has been documented in Southborough.*

*At the March 5th meeting, the Board of Selectmen voted to support the article