

Original of this is on lined note paper along with the other Town records about the Lange Grant.
It had to have been created after 01/04/1980 and likely before the Lange deed was recorded on 03/17/1980.

HERITAGE CONSERVATION & RECREATION SERVICE

SUFFICIENT FUNDS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSURE EFFECTIVE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE FACILITIES ACQUIRED OR DEVELOPED BY THE PROJECT.

THE H.C.R.S. PROJECT # 50-00320 BECAME KNOWN TO THE FAIRLEE SELECTMEN IN 1978.

THE MARCH TOWN MEETING WAS THE FIRST FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT WITH A PROMISE BY THE SELECTMEN NOT TO SPEND ANY MONEY, BUT THAT THEY WOULD INVESTIGATE THE MATTER.

INFORMATION WAS GATHERED DURING THE YEAR OF 1978 AND THERE WAS ^{SOME} INTEREST IN THE ACIOMC AS IT APPEARED TO ALL THAT THE PROJECT COULD BE FUNDED ON A YEARLY BASIS WITH REVENUE FROM TIMBER SALES.

THE PROJECT WAS TO BE ACQUIRED WITH FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL 50% - STATE 30% AND 20% FROM THE TOWN. THIS MONEY WOULD BE PAID TO MRS. JOHN LANGE AFTER A CERTIFIED APPRAISAL WAS MADE OF THE PROPERTY.

THE LANGS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD DONATE
THE TOWN SHARE OF 20% AND AFTER CHECKING
ON THIS WE FOUND IT TO BE LOCAL.

THE 770.6 ACRES WAS APPRAISED AT 158,500.00.
Federal Government 79,250.00
State Government 47,550.00
126,800.00

THIS MEANS THAT THE LANGS WOULD RECEIVE
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY SIX THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED
DOLLARS FOR THE 158,500.00 PARCEL.

→ THE 100% VICTORY APPRAISED FOR 770.6 ACRES
CAME TO 117,600.00 TOTAL

THE IDEA OF ADDING 770.6 ACRES TO THE
700 ACRES, WE ALREADY CALL OUR TOWN
FOREST IS FINE IF THE COST TO THE TOWN
IS ~~NEGLECTABLE~~ ^{NEGLIGIBLE}. WE NOW KNOW THAT THIS IS
NOT TRUE AND THAT EVERY YEAR THERE WILL
BE AN ANNUAL EXPENSE TO THE TOWN OF
FAIRLEE FOREVER.

FOREVER; BEGAN TO LOOM OUT AT US AS
WE TRIED TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERY FEDERAL
& STATE REGULATION WAS LEARNED OF OR
NEGOTIATED PRIOR TO THE FINAL DAY OF
COMMITMENT.

7.
OWNING
THE TOWN
RESPONSE

order HCRS Book Regulation

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The People in FAIRLEE Had Some information, Not All The information, when The Vote WAS TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING.

53.9- 139-

54.0- 898-

329-

1364.

For This Reason The Selectmen would Like The Voters of FAIRLEE To Consider AN ALTERNATE PROPOSAL.

Lets PURCHASE The LARGE LAND WITH A STRAIGHT LOAN FROM A BANK AT LOW RATE OF INTEREST AND FOR GET The Federal Regulation FOREVER!

We know That we will still have EXPENSES. The TAX LOSS, when The LAND OWNER SHIP CHANGES, IS \$1364.00 IF The TAX RATE REMAINS AT ITS 1979 Figure.

there would be other expenses however we could control The AMMOUNT AND Slow down OR Speed up PROGRAMS WITH OUT ANY FEDERAL OR STATE INTERFERENCE.

We Find That once the town Locks INTO The State and Federal Regulations The town is Committed FOREVER AND we have Two Letters From The Two State Representatives INDICATING Just This.

From Letter DATED OCT 23 1979 ^{by} DIRECTOR OF PLANNING
UNFORTUNATELY, we CANNOT predict whether
these will change in the future or whether
any changes will effect existing projects.

Since HCRS Funds ARE used, There is, Then,
AN element of RISK INVOLVED THAT POLICIES
GOVERNING the use of the property could be
different in the future.

From Letter DATED JAN 4 1980 ^{by} HCRS GRANTS
ADMINISTRATOR

, We CAN CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE FEAR THAT THE
TOWN HAS ABOUT HAVING DIFFERENT RULES IMPOSED
UPON THEM AT SOME LATER DATE. UNFORTUNATELY,
THOUGH, REGULATIONS CHANGE ALL THE TIME AND IN
MOST CASES, WE HAVE NO CONTROL OVER THEM.

WE CANNOT PREDICT, WITH ANY DEGREE OF
CERTAINTY, WHAT REGULATIONS WILL CHANGE AND
WHAT AFFECT ANY CHANGES COULD HAVE ON
EXISTING PROJECTS.

NEEDLESS TO SAY THESE TWO STATEMENTS
ADDED TO OUR FEAR AND MADE US REALIZE THAT
WE MUST TAKE THIS ENTIRE PROPOSAL
BACK TO THE VOTERS WITH AS MUCH
INFORMATION AS WE CAN POSSIBLY OBTAIN.

the HCRS Committee indicates, in its draft of the PLAN FOR MANAGEMENT OF RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, THAT A TOTAL OF ABOUT (20) TWENTY MILES OF MAINTAINED TRAILS IN THE HCRS LAND PROPER WILL PROBABLY BE ADEQUATE FOR OPTIONAL USE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

THE DRAFT ALSO MAKES THIS STATEMENT, ALL TRAILS WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR SAFETY AND CONVENIENCE AND TO PREVENT SOIL EROSION AND

THAT THE TOWN WILL PRINT A BROCHURE WITH MAP, DESCRIBING RECREATIONAL FACILITIES IN FAIRLEE.

THE REASON WE MENTION THIS IS TO INDICATE A FEW OF THE COMMITMENTS THAT WE WILL FINANCE FOREVER UNDER THE HCRS PROGRAM.

THIS IS OUR POINT!

IF WE ADD THE 770.6 ACRES TO THE 700 ACRES OF TOWN FOREST WE HAVE PRESENTLY THE SELECTION FEEL IT SHOULD BE PURCHASED OUTRIGHT WITHOUT THE STATE AND FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

IT WOULD ALLOW THE TOWN TO MANAGE THE ENTIRE FOREST AS IT IS NEEDED AND IN THE LONG RUN, SAY 50 TO 75 YEARS, OUR OWNERSHIP WOULD BE SOLID WITHOUT GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE.

IF WE DESIRE TO LEAVE THIS AS A LEGACY TO OUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN THEN LET US NOT LEAVE THEM ANNUAL BILLS TO PAY BUT SOME FLEXIBILITY TO DO AS MUCH AS THEY CHOOSE.

Some of the known expenses

1. Additional ^{LIABILITY} INS. ON LAND \$ 175.00/yr
2. Plow Parking Lot in winter (Alaska)
3. Plow ^{same} Road To Parking Lot (winter) (Alaska)
4. Maintain Parking Lots Summer & Winter
5. Maintain Road To Summer Parking Lot
in a safe way (Guard rails?)
6. Signs at Parking Lots indicating H.C.R.S.
7. Cut & Clean Trails
8. Maintain Trails (brush & clean of dead trees)
- 9.