Town of Conway, Massachusetts

Community Preservation Committee

PROPOSAL FORM

Attach additional sheets, drawings, maps etc. as necessary

Project Title: \_South **River Access for Flood Mitigation Projects- Rev. 1**

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Organization, if any: on behalf of the Selectboard

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Purpose: Please check all that apply \_\_ **X** Open Space \_\_Community Housing \_\_Historic Preservation **X** Recreation

Description of Project: The current Municipality Vulnerability Program (MVP) has identified critical lands along the South River where remediation work will reduce future risks of flood and erosion damage. The Town is seeking to purchase three vacant properties totaling approximately 7 acres to allow this work when the next round of funding is expected to be available next year. The properties are 69 Main Street (4 +/- acres) and Assessor’s map # 410/26.1 & 410/26.2) two unnumbered, unbuildable parcels along Shelburne Falls Rd. near the Fire Department water supply and the crossing to Corse and Siguler farm fields.

Professional surveys, appraisals, title searches, etc. have been requested to move these acquisitions forward to eventual approval by Town Meeting.

Amount of Funding Requested: up to $ 50,000

Does the project have other sources of funding? If so, indicate percentage and type (grant, donation, in-kind services)?  Yes, a total of $105,000 has been identified from existing town funds, the sale of old Grammar School $85,000 & the sale of timber from the Fournier property $20,000 that can only be used for conservation purposes. A separate ATM warrant article seeks their appropriation for this project. The acquisitions are expected to cost more than the $105,000 available; thus, additional funds are requested from CPA funds. The Town will seek to acquire these critical properties at the lowest price possible. Any CPC funds not used will be returned to the CPA fund.

Verbal estimates received for the assessed value of the three parcels is as shown below:

69 Main St - South river trust (Evans) $82,000\* 4+ acre back lot

Assessor’s Parcel 410/26 Judith Waldo $9,000 1 acres +/- undevelopable land

Assessor’s parcel 410/26.2 Mary Boeh $14,000 1.7 acres +/- undevelopable land

\*69 Main St parcel is currently on the market, listed at $169,000, well above assessed value

At this time, there is conflicting information as to the acquisition price for municipal purchasing of land that we expect to resolve shortly. We believe it will either be up to 125% of the assessed value or the appraised value.

Respectfully,

Joe Strzegowski