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Town of Castle Hill
Municipal Forest

The town of Castle Hill owns approximately 7350 acres of land. The land was acquired over time, primarily through tax liens, and the acres were added to the so-called school block, leading to the current total.

The land base is largely timbered, is roaded for access, contains the septage disposal site for three towns, is a source of gravel for town use and/or sale, provides significant open space and recreational opportunity for the town and surrounding communities, provides for significant wildlife habitat and is a significant source of income to the town, offsetting potential property tax increases.

The land base is currently managed as a commercial forest. Professional forest land management services are provided by Prentiss & Carlisle Company Inc. ~~MANAGEMENT~~

Municipal administration is accomplished with a Town Manager and a Board of Selectmen and adheres to the town meeting form of government.

The value of the Castle Hill municipal forest is, as stated, long term income, open space etc...and equally important, the opportunity to ensure that these and other values will exist as long term values and advantages into the future and will continue to be supported by this and subsequent administrations.

The Town of Castle Hill board of selectmen commit to the long term protection of the integrity of the municipal forest to be maintained as such and managed as a commercial unit of forest land for the betterment of the community and its financial stability.

M HERMAN

S BILL

PASSED

12-1-2003