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Groton Community Preservation Committee

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Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

This letter is submitted on behalf of the Groton Stewardship Committee in support of the Groton Conservation Commission's request for CPA funding. Please accept this letter in support of CPC application 2025-01.

The Conservation Commission (the Commission) is requesting CPA funds in the amount of \$400,000 for the purpose of Open Space acquisition. In the past, the Commission has successfully used CPA funds to enhance Groton's Open Space inventory and protect valuable open space parcels in Groton. CPA funds have also been used to secure additional state monies, effectively doubling the value of the CPA investment. These funds are used to purchase Conservation or Agricultural Preservation Restrictions or for land purchases. These funds will also help the town meet its goals identified in the 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan.

During the Stewardship Committee meeting on December 20, 2023, the members present gave their full support to this proposal. The Stewardship Committee strongly supports this funding proposal for open space acquisition from the Conservation Commission and feels it is a worthwhile investment of CPA funds.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

//signed//

Lisa M. Murray

Chair, Stewardship Committee