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Community Preservation Committee
Groton Town Hall
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

RE: Groton Trails Committee
CPC – Tools and Equipment for Building and Enhancing Trails

Dear Members of the Committee:

I am writing to you in support of the Groton Trails Committee application to the Community Preservation Committee seeking funding for special tools and equipment. I believe that this investment is crucial for improving the committee's overall efficiency and capacity in maintaining the extensive trail system in Groton.

The trail system in Groton brings immense value to our community. The trails not only provide a place for exercise and recreation but also serve as a connection to nature, promoting mental well-being and fostering a sense of community. It is evident that the Trails Committee plays a vital role in preserving and enhancing this valuable asset. By providing the Trails Committee with the necessary tools and equipment, they can carry out their responsibilities more effectively. These resources will enable the Committee to address maintenance issues promptly and efficiently, ensuring that our trails remain safe and accessible for all residents and visitors.

Moreover, investing in specialized tools and equipment will enhance the committee's capacity to undertake larger-scale projects. With the right resources at their disposal, they can tackle trail improvements, such as repairing erosion damage and clearing fallen trees, with greater ease. This will enhance the overall trail experience. Investing in the Trails Committee aligns perfectly with the spirit of the Community Preservation Act as it directly contributes to the preservation and enhancement of our natural environment.

I respectfully request that Committee approve this application and present it to the voters for funding at the 2024 Spring Town Meeting. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Haddad
Town Manager

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