



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

City of Newton, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor

#251-22

Telephone
(617) 796-1100
Fax
(617) 796-1113
TDD/TTY
(617) 796-1089
Email
rfuller@newtonma.gov

March 28, 2022

Honorable City Council
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Honorable City Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to this Honorable Council requesting the authorization to accept and expend the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Grant in the amount of \$49,340. This grant will be used for the solar project at 303 Nahanton Street at Newton's Angino Farm and consists of 30 solar panels (10.1 KW) to be mounted on the roof of the barn.

In addition to the grant, I also request authorization to spend \$20,000 from the City's Energy Stabilization Fund for the required City matching share to complete this project.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Ruthanne Fuller

RECEIVED
2022 MAR 28 PM 5:36
CITY CLERK
NEWTON, MA, 02459



CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS
PUBLIC BUILDINGS DEPARTMENT
52 ELLIOT STREET, NEWTON HIGHLANDS, MA 02461

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Josh Morse
Building Commissioner

Telephone (617) 796-1600
Facsimile (617) 796-1601
TDD/tty # (617) 796-1608

March 23, 2022

Ruthanne Fuller, Mayor
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

RE: Authorization to Accept Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture Grant and Funding
for Solar Project at the Newton Community Farm

Dear Mayor Fuller:

The Public Buildings Department respectfully requests the authorization to accept the Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture Grant in the amount of \$49,340. The Community Farm applied for and received the grant from the Massachusetts Dept. of Agriculture with a requirement for a City contribution. This grant will be used for the solar project at 303 Nahanton Street and consists of 30 solar panels (10.1 KW) to be mounted on the roof of the barn.

In addition to the grant, the Public Buildings Department respectfully requests authorization to spend \$20,000 from the City's Energy Stabilization Fund for the City matching share to complete this project. These matching funds will make this solar installation financially viable thereby increasing our renewable energy portfolio, reducing our carbon footprint, and it is in line with our Climate Action Plan. This is not an investment of capital or maintenance funds into the Angino Farm, but rather an investment that furthers our environmental and clean energy goals as a city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Morse', is written over a horizontal line.

Josh Morse
Public Buildings Commissioner

cc: Jonathan Yeo, Chief Operating Officer
Maureen Lemieux, Chief Financial Officer
Alex Valcarce, Deputy Buildings Commissioner
