



Finance Committee Agenda

City of Newton In City Council

Monday, April 8, 2024

The Finance Committee will hold this meeting as a virtual meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024, at 7:00 pm. To view this meeting using Zoom use this link:

<https://newtonma.gov.zoom.us/j/89276876434> or call 1-646-558-8656 and use the following Meeting ID: 892 7687 6434

Items scheduled for discussion:

Referred to Public Safety & Transportation and Finance Committees

- #150-24 Recommendation to accept Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 41, Section 100G.**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to provide for the payment of funeral and burial expenses, not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), of any firefighter or police officer killed while in the performance of their duty, which procedurally means accepting Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 41, Section 100G.
Public Safety & Transportation Approved 7-0 on 04/03/24
- #166-24 Acceptance of Massachusetts MOTT FY24 budget grant**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts MOTT FY24 budget grant in the amount of forty-two thousand five hundred dollars (\$42,500) to improve stormwater management and beautification of the Cheesecake Brook section that runs alongside Albemarle Park.
- #169-24 Acceptance of a \$75,000 Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism FY24 state budget earmark**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism FY24 state budget earmark grant in the amount of seventy-five thousand dollar (\$75,000) to make improvements to 3 trails: Kennard Park, Kessler Woods, and the Upper Falls Greenway.
- #168-24 Acceptance of a Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism FY24 state budget earmark grant**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism FY24 state budget earmark grant in the amount of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for Farlow Park.

The location of this meeting is accessible and reasonable accommodations will be provided to persons with disabilities who require assistance. If you need a reasonable accommodation, please contact the city of Newton's ADA Coordinator, Jini Fairley, at least two business days in advance of the meeting: jfairley@newtonma.gov or (617) 796-1253. The city's TTY/TDD direct line is: 617-796-1089. For the Telecommunications Relay Service (TRS), please dial 711.

Referred to Programs & Services and Finance Committee

- #176-24 Requesting authorization to transfer \$165,000 for the tennis courts at Newton South High School**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting authorization to transfer \$165,000 from Current Year Budget Reserve for the purpose of resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South High School.
- #172-24 Requesting a discussion regarding a contract for audit services**
COUNCILOR GENTILE AND THE COMPTROLLER requesting a discussion with the Finance Committee regarding a new contract or extension for audit services.
- #174-24 Reappointment of James Pellegrine as a Constable**
HER HONOR THE MAYOR requesting the reappointment of James Pellegrine, 14 Adams Court, Newton as a Constable for the City of Newton for a term to expire on February 26, 2027

Referred to Land Use and Finance Committees

- #157-24 Request for proposals from outside special counsel to ensure compliance and enforcement of applicable permits at the Turtle Lane site in Auburndale.**
Councilors Gentile, Block, Laredo, and Krintzman requesting that the Mayor through the Law Department solicit proposals from outside special counsel to assist the City in the analysis of the City's rights and remedies to ensure compliance with, and enforcement of, applicable permits and approvals at the Turtle Lane site in Auburndale.
Finance Held 7-0 on 03/24/24

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard Gentile, Chair



Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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March 11, 2024

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

Councilors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to provide for the payment of funeral and burial expenses, not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), of any firefighter or police officer killed while in the performance of their duty, which procedurally means accepting Massachusetts General Laws (MGL) Chapter 41, Section 100G.

Attached to this docket item you will find a draft ordinance as well as MGL 41, 100G. Per State Law, Newton's acceptance requires the majority vote of the City Council with the approval of the Mayor.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO.

March 11, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWTON That:

Section 100G of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 41 be and is hereby accepted allowing for the for the payment of funeral and burial expenses, not exceeding two thousand dollars (\$2,000), of any firefighter or police officer killed while in the performance of their duty.

Approved as to legal form and character:

City Solicitor

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Adopted

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Approved:

City Clerk

Mayor

Part I	ADMINISTRATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
Title VII	CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS
Chapter 41	OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS
Section 100G	PAYMENT OF FUNERAL AND BURIAL EXPENSES OF FIRE FIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS KILLED IN PERFORMANCE OF DUTIES; ACCEPTANCE OF SECTION

Section 100G. Any city operating under a Plan D or Plan E charter, by the affirmative vote of a majority of its city council or any other city, by a majority vote of its city council with the approval of its mayor, and any town, by a majority vote at an annual or special town meeting, shall pay the reasonable expense, not exceeding two thousand dollars, of the funeral and burial of any firefighter who while in the performance of his duty and as a result of an accident while responding to or returning from an alarm or fire or any emergency or as the result of an accident involving a fire department vehicle, which the firefighter is operating or in which he is riding or while at the scene of a fire or any emergency is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death, or of any police officer who while in the performance of his duty and as the result of an assault on his person, or a result of an accident while responding to an emergency while in the performance of his official duty or as result of an accident involving a police department vehicle which he is operating or in which he is riding is killed or sustains injuries which result in his death. The provisions of this section shall become effective in a city or town when accepted by such city or town.



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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to accept and expend a Massachusetts MOTT FY24 budget grant in the amount of \$42,500 to improve stormwater management and beautification of the Cheesecake Brook section that runs alongside Albemarle Park.

This work will be done in coordination with another project in the area, the addition of a new footbridge over the brook to allow for an accessible and convenient path from the parking area across the brook. These projects are a cooperative effort between Parks, Recreation & Culture, Public Buildings Department, Department of Public Works, and the Conservation Department. The project will ensure that proper plant species are selected that will enhance the aesthetics, support the brook's ecosystem, and improve stormwater flow.

Attached is a memo from Parks, Recreation & Culture Commissioner Nicole Banks on the subject.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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Newton Parks, Recreation & Culture Department
246 Dudley Road, Newton, MA 02459
Office: (617) 796-1500
parks@newtonma.gov
Nicole Banks, Commissioner

166-24



March 19, 2024

Honorable Mayor Ruthanne Fuller
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459-1449

Dear Mayor Fuller:

In compliance with Newton City Ordinance, Section 2-10, para (b), and Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 44, Section 53A, I respectfully request authorization to accept and expend a Commonwealth of Massachusetts MOTT grant in the amount of \$42,500.

These funds will be used to improve stormwater management and beautification of the Cheesecake Brook section that runs alongside Albemarle Park. This work will be done in coordination with another project in the area, the addition of a new footbridge over the brook to allow for an accessible and convenient path from the parking area across the brook. These projects are a cooperative effort between Parks, Recreation & Culture, Public Buildings Department, Department of Public Works, and the Conservation Department. Functionality of the new bridge is important and we also want to ensure that proper plant species are selected that will enhance the aesthetics, support the brook's ecosystem, and improve stormwater flow.

Respectfully,

Nicole Banks, Commissioner
Parks, Recreation & Culture

Cc: Jonathan Yeo, COO

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These trails have been identified by PRC and Conservation staff as needing work and the Departments will work side by side to manage the improvements. The City of Newton values its open space areas and encourages the use of these sites through managed pathways that keep foot traffic in designated areas. We look forward to carrying out this work for neighbors and others who wish to explore nature in our parks and conservation areas, and utilize pathways as transit routes such as our greenways and carriageways.

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These funds will be combined with ARPA funds to improve the pond basin at Farlow Park. The Friends of Farlow Park worked closely with the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department previously to utilize CPC funds to bring the pond back to life several years ago. More work is needed at this point to fully eliminate water leakage and improve pond aesthetics by sandblasting and resurfacing the basin. This project, along with the repainting of Chaffin House (former Newton Corner library) using ARPA funds, will improve Farlow Park, one of Newton's oldest parks and a cherished asset of Newton Corner.

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These funds will be used with ARPA funds that you have designated to restore the pond basin at Farlow Park. The Friends of Farlow Park worked closely with the Parks, Recreation & Culture Department previously and utilized CPC funds to bring the pond back to life several years ago and more work is needed at this point. This project includes sandblasting and resurfacing to stop water from leaking out from the pond, which is fed by a well. Farlow Pond is one of Newton's older parks and is a cherished asset of the Newton Corner village and we are excited to get this work underway for the community.

Respectfully,

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Parks, Recreation & Culture

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Honorable City Council
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Dear Councilors:

I respectfully submit this docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to transfer \$165,000 from Current Year Budget Reserve for the purpose of resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South High School.

Recent work at this facility included the full restoration of the first 4 courts and sealing cracks with fill and patching the other 8 courts. Completing the resurfacing work on the remaining 8 courts will bring the facility in full conformance with USTA high school tennis court standards.

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March 26, 2024

Re: Request for Funding for Newton South HS Tennis Court Resurfacing

Dear Mayor Fuller,

I write to respectfully request that you submit a docket item to our Honorable City Council, for the sum of \$165,000 to fund the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South High School. Recent work at this facility included the full restoration of the first 4 courts and sealing cracks with fill and patching the other 8 courts. Completing the resurfacing work on the remaining 8 courts will bring the facility in full conformance with USTA high school tennis court standards.

Having tennis courts in our neighborhoods and villages is important, but the high school tennis facilities are our premier tennis sites where competitive play and tournaments occur each year, including under the lights. Our goal is to keep these facilities in a high-quality condition for student athletes and our community.

Respectfully,

Nicole Banks, Commissioner of Parks, Recreation & Culture



Newton South High School

140 Brandeis Road, Newton, MA 02459

Phone: 617-559-6500

Fax: 617-559-6701

<https://www.newton.k12.ma.us/nshs>

Tamara Stras, Principal

Jason Williams, Vice Principal

March 27, 2024

Dear Mayor Fuller,

As the Athletic Director of Newton South High School, I am writing to express my support for the resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South. Maintaining high-quality athletic facilities is paramount to the success and well-being of our student-athletes, as well as the broader community.

The current condition of the tennis courts at Newton South is a cause for concern. The uneven surfaces, worn-out lines, and lack of traction in the spotted repairs of some of the courts, pose safety risks to our players and hinder their ability to compete effectively.

Resurfacing the tennis courts will not only address these safety and usability concerns but also demonstrate our commitment to providing our student-athletes with top-notch facilities that foster their growth and development.

Furthermore, I want to express my sincere gratitude for your support of the revitalization of the courts. By completing this project, we can ensure that the tennis courts at Newton South are renewed and maintained to the highest standards, enriching the athletic experiences of our students and community members alike.

Sincerely,

Pat Gonzalez, CAA, M.Ed.

Director of Athletics

March 29, 2024

Nicole Banks

Commissioner

City of Newton Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture

246 Dudley Rd

Newton, MA 02459

Dear Commissioner Banks,

The Friends of Newton Tennis, Inc. strongly recommends that the city prioritize funding for crack repair, resurfacing and relining of Newton South High School courts.

We base this on our 2022 and 2023 audits of Newton's 65 municipal tennis courts and dozens of discussions with city tennis players, high school coaches and professional tennis court builders.

Our board of directors has identified Newton South courts as the highest priority for repair and resurfacing in the city because they impact the greatest number of players, especially our high school boys' and girls' teams. The board was pleased to see the city return four of the 12 courts to championship quality last year. However, the remaining eight courts require the same treatment.

Our high school teams should play on the best courts possible to enable them to practice and compete at the highest level. Our high school coaches have expressed concerns that Newton South facilities have fallen behind other high schools in their respective leagues and around the state. In fact, some visiting coaches have expressed concern that these courts have fallen into disrepair and become a safety hazard.

In addition, these 12 high school courts serve a much wider audience year-round because they are lit and are among the most welcoming and accessible to the most diverse range of players economically, socially, ethnically, and geographically. Consequently, our high school courts are used constantly year-round from early morning to late at night by residents, accelerating normal wear and tear.

Last, the city Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture and The Friend of Newton Tennis, Inc. are partners in the Garden City Doubles Championships and Garden City Singles Championships, which are community fundraising tournaments held in August and September on Newton municipal courts. Now, the tournaments are held primarily at Newton North High School, which are excellent courts but limited in number. With repair of the Newton South courts, the city and FoNT could continue to expand the tournament, including adding an ADA-compliant wheelchair category for physically challenged players.

Representing more than 10,000 tennis and pickleball players in the city,
The Friends of Newton Tennis Inc. highly supports the City's proposal to
repair and resurface the Newton South tennis courts.

Respectively

Tom Friedman

President

The Friends of Newton Tennis, Inc.

a USTA Community Tennis Association

Visit us at <https://playtennis.usta.com/the-friends-of-newton-tennis-inc>



NSHS Tennis Court Restoration

City of Newton
Department of Parks, Recreation & Culture

First 4 courts at NSHS resurfaced (2023) ~\$83K

- Full crack membrane system
 - Perfectly flat (self-leveling material)
 - Playability: Excellent traction
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2024 PROJECT WORK \$165k



12 courts, built 1994, redone 2015



Almost 2,000 linear feet of crack repair



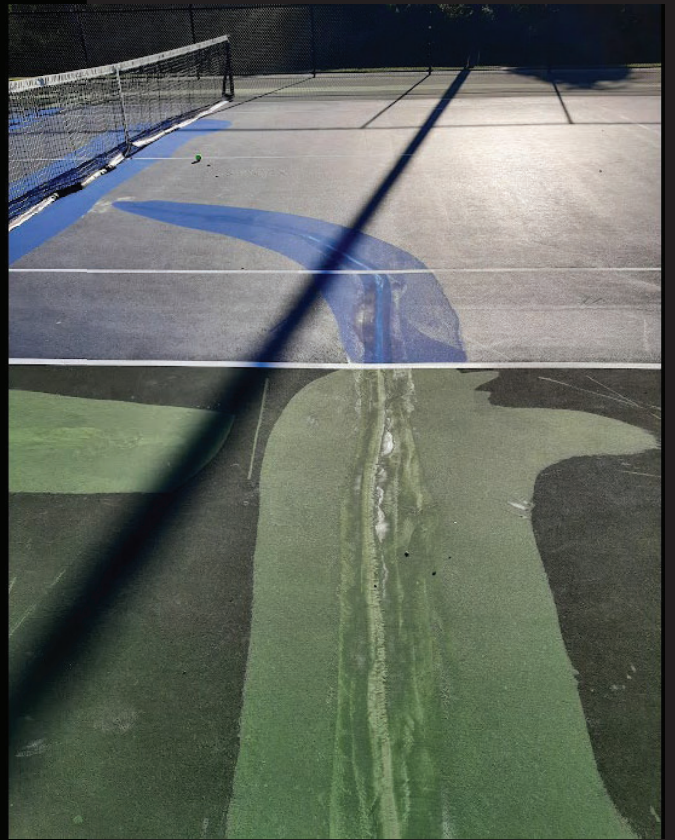
3 weeks starting June 17th (weather dependent)



Will try to stagger the work in a way that allows ½ the courts to remain available throughout.



Deemed most important court project by PRC, NPS Athletics, Friends of Newton Tennis (FoNT)



CITY OF NEWTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

DRAFT

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee through its Chair Leonard Gentile authorization to transfer one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$165,000) from Current Year Budget Reserve for the purpose of resurfacing of the tennis courts at Newton South High School is hereby approved as follows:

FROM:	Current Year Budget Reserve (0110498-579000).....	\$165,000
TO:	NSHS Tennis Courts-Repair and Maintenance (01C60220-524090)	\$165,000

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
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To the Honorable City Councilors:

I am pleased to reappoint James Pellegrine of 15 Adams Court, Newton as a Constable for the City of Newton. James Pellegrine's term of office shall expire on February 26, 2027 and the appointment is subject to your confirmation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Warmly,

Ruthanne Fuller
Mayor

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2024 MAR 25 PM 3:41
CITY CLERK
NEWTON, MA 02459

Application Form

Profile

James		Pellegrine
<small>First Name</small>	<small>Middle Initial</small>	<small>Last Name</small>

jimpell538@gmail.com
Email Address

15 Adams Court		
<small>Home Address</small>	<small>Suite or Apt</small>	
Newton	MA	02458
<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Postal Code</small>

What Ward do you live in?

Ward 1

Home: (617) 594-9529	
<small>Primary Phone</small>	<small>Alternate Phone</small>

Retired	Police Officer
<small>Employer</small>	<small>Job Title</small>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Constables: Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I Was a Police officer For 30 years and would like to continue in Law Enforcement and have been a Constable for several years

Dear Mayor.docx
Upload a Resume

Dear Mayor

I have been a Constable for the City of Newton since June 14, 2010. My term expires in June 201~~9~~²². I have been one of the most active Constables for the City during that time. I am also a member of the Massachusetts Constable Association. At this time I am asking for your consideration of re-appointment.

Sincerely

James A. Pellegrine

Issued through

A. A. DORITY COMPANY, INC.

CONSTABLE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That we, James A. Pellegrine of 15 Adams Court, Newton, MA 02458, as **Principal**,

and **NGM Insurance Company**, a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida, and having a usual place of business in Boston, in the county of Suffolk and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as **Surety**,

are held and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the City of Newton, MA, Massachusetts, as **Obligee**, in the full and just sum of Five Thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, well and truly to be paid, and for the payment of which we jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors & assigns, firmly by these presents.

THE CONDITION OF THIS OBLIGATION IS THAT:

WHEREAS, the said **James A. Pellegrine** has been duly appointed and confirmed a Constable of the City of Newton, MA, Massachusetts for a period of Three Years, beginning February 26, 2024 and has accepted said appointment,

NOW THEREFORE, if the said **James A. Pellegrine**, shall well and faithfully perform all the duties of Constable, then this obligation shall be null and void, otherwise to be and remain in full force and effect.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DATED February 26th, 2024.

Principal:

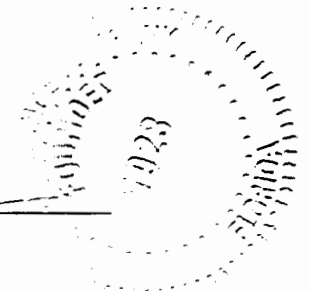
James A. Pellegrine
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Surety:

NGM Insurance Company

Bond No. 569018

By: *Katie E. Connor*
Katie E. Connor Attorney-in-Fact



Bond Producer: A.A. DORITY Company, Inc.
226 Lowell Street, Suite B-4
Wilmington, MA 01887-3074
(617) 523-2935



POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That NGM Insurance Company, a Florida corporation having its principal office in the City of Jacksonville, State of Florida, pursuant to Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws of said Company, to wit:

"Article IV, Section 2. The board of directors, the president, any vice president, secretary, or the treasurer shall have the power and authority to appoint attorneys-in-fact and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the company and affix the seal of the company thereto, bonds, recognizances, contracts of indemnity or writings obligatory in the nature of a bond, recognizance or conditional undertaking and to remove any such attorneys-in-fact at any time and revoke the power and authority given to them."

does hereby make, constitute and appoint Philip B Crawford, Richard W Crawford, James M Crawford, Katie E Connor, Jeffrey W Crawford -----

its true and lawful Attorneys-in-fact, to make, execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf, and as its act and deed, bonds, undertakings, recognizances, contracts of indemnity, or other writings obligatory in nature of a bond subject to the following limitation:

- 1. No one bond to exceed Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000)

and to bind NGM Insurance Company thereby as fully and to the same extent as if such instruments were signed by the duly authorized officers of NGM Insurance Company; the acts of said Attorney are hereby ratified and confirmed.

This power of attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile under and by the authority of the following resolution adopted by the Directors of NGM Insurance Company at a meeting duly called and held on the 2nd day of December 1977.

Voted: That the signature of any officer authorized by the By-Laws and the company seal may be affixed by facsimile to any power of attorney or special power of attorney or certification of either given for the execution of any bond, undertaking, recognizance or other written obligation in the nature thereof; such signature and seal, when so used being hereby adopted by the company as the original signature of such office and the original seal of the company, to be valid and binding upon the company with the same force and effect as though manually affixed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, NGM Insurance Company has caused these presents to be signed by its Assistant Secretary and its corporate seal to be hereto affixed this 24th day of August, 2023.

NGM INSURANCE COMPANY By:

L K R

Lauren K. Powell
Assistant Secretary



State of Wisconsin,
County of Dane.

On this 24th day of August, 2023, before the subscriber a Notary Public of State of Wisconsin in and for the County of Dane duly commissioned and qualified, came Lauren K. Powell of NGM Insurance Company, to me personally known to be the officer described herein, and who executed the preceding instrument, and she acknowledged the execution of same, and being by me fully sworn, deposed and said that she is an officer of said Company, aforesaid: that the seal affixed to the preceding instrument is the corporate seal of said Company, and the said corporate seal and her signature as officer were duly affixed and subscribed to the said instrument by the authority and direction of the said Company; that Article IV, Section 2 of the By-Laws of said Company is now in force.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Madison, Wisconsin this 24th day of August, 2023.

M J Ripp



I, Mary J. Ripp, Senior Manager, Corporate Governance of NGM Insurance Company, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Power of Attorney executed by said Company which is still in full force and effect.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Company at Madison, Wisconsin this

26th day of February, 2024.

Mary J. Ripp

Mary J. Ripp, Senior Manager, Corporate Governance