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Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Ms. Alice Ingerson  
Community Preservation Program Manager  
Newton City Hall

Re: Supplemental CPC Request for Angino Barn Renovation Project

To the Community Preservation Committee:

This letter is to request additional funding to allow the City to complete the Angino Barn Renovation Project. This supplemental request for \$150,000 is to accommodate an increase in costs due to unanticipated structural and code scope items. It also includes cost inflation due to delay of the project by thirty months.

As described in the original CPC proposal, Newton Community Farm, Inc. (NCF) has thus far contributed \$230,000 for the overall barn rehabilitation. Following completion of the current phase of the renovation, NCF will contribute additional \$120,000 for the kitchen installation, food storage cooler, produce washing station, completion of the lower level, and an electrical upgrade, which brings NCF's contribution to the overall Barn project to \$350,000. NCF continues to raise funds privately from Newton residents and other individuals with personal connections to the historic property. A subsequent phase will include the construction of the enclosed porch and the loft office at an approximate additional cost of \$100,000.

Supplemental funding is being requested in response to the Architect's estimate of construction cost which greatly exceeded the CPC grant. The current plan reduces the CPC project scope and cost by shifting the funding responsibility to Newton Community Farm after the CPC construction is finished.

To keep this supplemental CPC request as low as possible the project team has reduced the scope of the project to include the most vital components that will allow the building to remain true to the core intent of the original request: a heated, accessible, public use facility that supports the growing open space and recreation activities of the Community Farm. The Farm organization will match this CPC investment with privately raised funds to complete the building to its full potential.

A rehabilitated barn will be a staging ground for the open space of the farm and will allow for expanded educational programming, allowing people to experience what it takes to create the

food we eat. The increasingly complex operations and immense volunteer population on the farm has increased the need for year round office and gathering space accessible to the public. The Farm remains very desirous and committed to the rehabilitation of the barn to better support the operations of this community farm which has exceeded all expectations for its success.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephanie Kane Gilman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line at the end.

Stephanie Kane Gilman  
Public Buildings Commissioner

Cc: Members of the Farm Commission  
Member of the Community Preservation Committee  
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