

EVIDENCE OF COMMUNITY SUPPORT

EXHIBIT #7

LETTERS OF SUPPORT



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October 12, 2004

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Ms. Martha Horn
Newton Conservation Commission
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Martha,

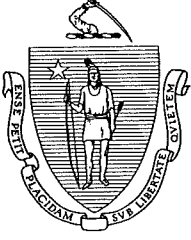
I am writing on behalf of the Newton Conservators to express our support for CPA funding for the proposed boardwalk and entrance from Lexington Street at Flowed Meadow. We have not seen a plan that depicts the proposed improvements or a rendering of the proposed entrance but have reviewed the narrative description that you have provided. We want you to know that we wholeheartedly support these planned upgrades.

The Flowed Meadow is an important open space for Auburndale. The frontage along Lexington Street for years has been closed to public access. Providing an entrance at that location will make the entire open space more accessible to the public, as will the boardwalk, to improve access to other trails in the area. The Conservators look at both of these upgrades as important parts of the implementation of the plan advocated for Flowed Meadow by the Flowed Meadow study group several years ago. We very much appreciate that the Conservation Commission has taken the lead in implementing these upgrades.

The Conservators advocate for dedication as open space of all the land at Flowed Meadow and the former landfill, now capped, that is not necessary for the DPW operation there and that can safely be made accessible to the public. We look at this latest phase of work as a further worthwhile step in the implementation of the long-term Flowed Meadow plan.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Reenstierna
President



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October 12, 2004

Community Preservation Committee
City of Newton
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the application of the Newton Conservation Commission for funding for Phase 3 of the Flowed Meadow Improvement Project. The project the Conservation Commission plans to complete with CPA funding would provide substantial benefits to our community and I urge the Committee to approve the Commission's application.

The Conservation Commission is seeking funding to complete the third phase of a highly successful effort to rehabilitate the Flowed Meadow area of Newton. I served on the Flowed Meadow Planning Group in 1999. Therefore, I am very familiar with the overall plan to implement the Planning Group's recommendation. The Flowed Meadow Improvement Project has already undertaken some elements of the plan on a volunteer basis, including bridge construction, roadway relocation and wetlands restoration. Also, with CPA funding substantial progress will be made by improvements to trails, benches and signage. Phase 3 of the project will build upon the successes that have occurred up to now and are planned for the near future.

As the Conservation Commission's application indicates, Phase 3 of their plan includes the installation of an entrance to Flowed Meadow off of Lexington Street across from the Burr School property. The entry would consist of a pathway that would lead into a boardwalk that would lead into another pathway on the opposite side of the reservation. This project would have several benefits for the community.

First, the project will help form a closer link between West Newton and Auburndale by facilitating access through the park system in that area. In addition, public access to parks and reservations in the area of Flowed Meadow will improve. Phase 3 will also greatly improve the ability of the general public, especially students at the nearby school, to enjoy and learn from the environmental characteristics of the open space area.

I am also aware that there is significant community support for the implementation of the Flowed Meadow Planning Group's recommendations, including Phase 3. The Planning Group consisted of local elected officials, community association members and City officials. Also, many individual residents of the neighborhoods near the Flowed Meadow area contributed to the Planning Group's work and now support its recommendations.

Again, I strongly support the application of the Newton Conservation Commission to the Community Preservation Committee regarding the Flowed Meadow Conservation Areas. If you have any question regarding my views please do not hesitate to contact me. I greatly appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kay Khan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kay Khan
State Representative

Newton Community Preservation Committee
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: Flowed Meadow Park, Auburndale, West Newton

June 1, 2004

Dear members of Newton Community Preservation Committee:

We, the undersigned citizens of Newton urge you to allocate necessary funds under the auspices of Massachusetts Community Preservation Act for the Flowed Meadow Park project Phase 2 that was recently co-sponsored by Newton Conservation Commission and prepared by Anatol Zukerman, Architect. This project is a part of the Recommendations produced by Flowed Meadow Planning Group in 1999 and represents a long due improvement of the Flowed Meadow area.

Printed Name _____ Signature _____ Address _____

Sean Clossey	Sean Clossey	100 Lexington St.
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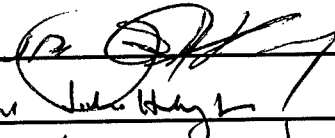
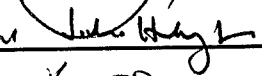
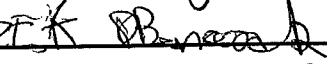
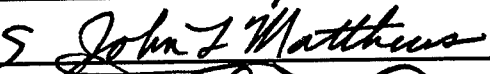
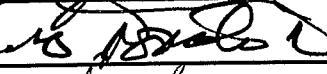

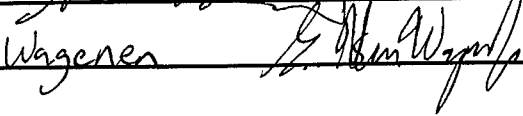
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CITY OF NEWTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Martha Horn, Sr. Environmental Planner

FROM: Robert R. Rooney, Commissioner 

CC: Michael Kruse, Director of Planning
Elaine Gentile, Director of Environmental Affairs Division
Louis Taverna, City Engineer
Ted Jerdee, Superintendent of Water-Sewer Division

DATE: October 2, 2004

SUBJECT: Use of Land Adjacent to Rumford Landfill

In response to your request of October 1, 2004 for use of the land off Lexington Street, adjacent to the Rumford Landfill, for an access path to connect with the Flowed Meadow Recreation Area, I offer my support and opinion that this is a valid and constructive use of this property and would endorse a pathway project for submission to the CPA.

The area in question has a purpose of high water detention, and access will be needed to remove debris and depositions from time to time. Otherwise, due to the wetland nature of this area, it is ideal for educational purposes for the Burr School or the general public.

As design plans for the boardwalk takes shape, I would be interested in periodic review and ultimate acceptance by the City Engineer to ensure that the site can accommodate multi-use functions for both recreation as well as the engineering purposes that it serves.

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EXHIBIT #8

DPW PERMISSION LETTER

CITY OF NEWTON
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

October 1, 2001

ORDERED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of His Honor the Mayor and the Real Property Reuse Committee through its Chairman Ald. D. Pauline Bryson pursuant to MGL Chapter 40 §15A, 20.2 acres of city-owned land at the Rumford Avenue landfill adjacent to the Flowed Meadow Conservation area be and is hereby transferred from the Department of Public Works to the Conservation Commission.

Under Suspension of Rules
Readings Waived and Approved
23 yeas 0 nays 1 vacancy

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Approved: October 3, 2001

(SGD) EDWARD G. ENGLISH
City Clerk

(SGD) DAVID B. COHEN
Mayor