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July 27, 2020

Community Preservation Committee, Mark Armstrong, Chair c/o Lara Kritzer, Community Preservation Program Manager Newton Planning and Development Department Newton City Hall 1000 Commonwealth Avenue Newton, MA 02459

Re: Nathaniel Allen Homestead, 35 Webster Street, West Newton

Dear Lara, Mark and Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I write to you all once again to submit to you what I believe to be the Final Final Report for the Allen House Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse Project that the CPC has so graciously funded in part over the last several years. Our previous effort on this was reserved before the pandemic and presented during the pandemic construction shutdown, thus bringing us, understandably, only a partial close out of this project. We believe that we are now substantially complete and thus submit this project in hopes of completing our formal business on this matter with the CPC. We are hoping this report will allow the release of the final 5% of the funding/\$130,000.

Once again, all of us at the NCA want to express our gratitude to both the CPC as well as your outstanding staff that have helped to guide us through this process over the last years. We are so grateful for the guidance, wisdom, tenacity and stewardship of everyone that has been involved. Just as soon as we are able to have gatherings of more than the currently allotted 12 people, based on the Governor's requirements we would love to have a CPC public meeting at the Allen House!

Thank you again for your support and for believing the NCA throughout this long project. Should you like additional information please do not hesitate to contact me. And please, yes, stay home and stay safe and, stay cool during these scorching hot days of summer!

Very truly yours,

Adrienne Hartzell Knudsen

Managing Director