Mark Armstrong, Chair
Community Preservation Committee City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

April 27, 2021

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

We are writing to you in support of the current proposal outlining the improvement project for Levingston Cove. For years Crystal lake has served as the crown jewel of Ward 6, a place for families to gather, a recreation spot for generations of Newtonians, and a calm oasis and respite in a sometimes-chaotic world.

As Councilors who have been deeply committed to preserving the quality and accessibility of Crystal Lake, we are thrilled with the proposed improvements to Levingston Cove. This small lakefront enclave is a reflection point for Newton's residents, and in its current state has not only suffered from erosion but offers limited accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

The proposed project is impressive and designed to mitigate several concerns, beginning with enhancing the experience of visitors by providing adequate space for current programming and ensure accessibility for all.   In addition, the project will put into place important environmental and ecological protections for the lake. It will ease the slopes adjacent to the road to mitigate erosion. It will work to capture stormwater and reduce phosphorous loads into the lake, preventing the persistent algae bloom seen summer-to-summer. The park improvement design is innovative, and it will be the first of its kind in Newton, improving and enhancing current uses while preserving the water quality of the lake and protecting the cove.

Thank you in advance for considering our letter of support. We are dedicated to ensuring Crystal lake continues to be the crown jewel of Ward 6 and enjoyed by all for years to come. We are hopeful with a funding commitment from the CPC the City can move forward with this innovative and environmentally necessary project.

Sincerely,

Brenda Noel   Alicia Bowman   Vicki Danberg
Ward 6 Councilor   Ward 6 Councilor-At-Large   Ward 6 Councilor-At-Large