

Susan Albright, President and Ward 2 Councilor at Large
Newton City Council
1075 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, 02459

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

February 1, 2022

Dear Mr. Brody,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would make sure that we protect the investment Newton made in the farm so many years ago. The farm house will remain a livable asset and the environmental upgrades will be in line with our city's climate action goals. As I understand it the upgrades will include the following:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a french drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- replace the hot water heater.

I remember those many years ago when the Council, then the Board of Aldermen, supported the Community Preservation Committee's decision to fund the purchase of Angino Farm, the last surviving farm in our city, to allow it to remain a farm for posterity, education and for historic preservation. We had one Councilor at that time who said it wouldn't last five years. I think we are all thrilled that he was wrong. I go there every spring to buy plants for my farm, i.e my back yard!

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farmstand. NCF also provided education programs to more than 300 people and also offered hands-on opportunities to student interns and volunteers.

Providing support for these capital projects will assure that our original investment in the farm will continue to serve our community into the future. This is an appropriate use for CPC funds, putting funds right back into a community service that so many use. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,
Susan
Susan Albright, President
Newton City Council

From: [Alison M. Leary](#)
To: danielsbrody@gmail.com
Cc: [Lara Kritzer](#)
Subject: In Support of NCF Application for CPA Funds for Historic Farmhouse
Date: Friday, February 11, 2022 2:46:23 PM

Dear Chair Brody.

I am writing in support of the application submitted by the Newton Community Farm and the Farm Commission for CPA funds for capital improvements for the historic farmhouse. This includes fixing water intrusion in the basement, a full electrical upgrade and replacing the hot water heater (which I hope will be electric).

We are very fortunate to have a community farm and all the benefits it offers and it certainly has served us well these last 15 years. All the benefits are too numerous to list but it includes wonderful fresh local vegetables, produce donations to the Newton Food Pantry, farm education programs and of course the seedling sale.

We have a collective responsibility to respond to the need for capital improvements that benefit a public purpose and this project is an ideal candidate for CPA funds on many levels. As an environmentalist and strong supporter of meeting the City's climate action plan goals and am very pleased that NCF has received a grant from the MA Department of Agricultural Resources to cover the costs of a battery storage system and solar panels for the barn to cover almost all the agricultural electric use.

Looking forward to another great year for NCF!

Kind regards,

Alison M. Leary
Newton City Council
Ward 1
617-821-5619



February 9, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan:

When the CPC deliberated whether to fund the purchase of Angino Farm in 2005-06, I was a member of the Newton League of Women Voters' CPC grant reading committee, and was one of the unanimous voices in the LWVN supporting the grant.

Every time I bike or drive by the farm, or pick up produce or find Newton Community Farm staff at one of our Farmer's Market, I am proud of the wisdom of the City and the CPC in acquiring, preserving and continuing to support the farm's operations and increasingly, energy efficiency.

There are always many worthy projects contained in proposals to the CPC. The renovation and repair of the farmhouse, which is before you this season, is extremely worthy.

1. Newton owns this building, and its maintenance (or lack of it) is our responsibility.
2. Fixing water intrusion in the basement will further preserve the historic home.
3. Adding heat pumps and ductless HVAC, along with needed electrical upgrades is the right thing to do for the climate and the house and NCF's farmer family.

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As is true with many of the CPC's early investments, this one yields many community benefits on many fronts. I urge the Committee to fund these needed repairs and approve the NCF's application.

All best,



February 4, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- replace the hot water heater.

These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities.

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It is critical to complete these capital projects so the organization can continue to offer these services to the community and preserve this unique city asset. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Bill Humphrey
Newton City Councilor
Ward 5

February 11, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

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- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a french drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- replace the hot water heater.

These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farmstand. ***I can't underscore enough the value and pride that NCF brings to the community, young people, and us in Ward 8 and citywide. It is a gem in our City and one that deserves to continually be invested in.***

It is critical to complete these capital projects so the organization can continue to offer these services to the community and preserve this unique city asset. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

David Kalis
City Councilor-at-Large, Ward 8
66 Andrew St



February 14, 2022

Mr. Dan Brody
Chair, Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would be used to:

- Resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- Complete an electrical upgrade;
- Replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- Replace the hot water heater.

These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's clean energy priorities.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for fifteen years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farmstand. NCF also provided education programs to more than 300 people and also offered hands-on opportunities to student interns and volunteers.

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Sincerely,

Emily Norton
Ward 2 City Councilor

February 9, 2022

Harvey Crosby
277 Nahanton Street
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dan Brody
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Dan,

I am the Chair of the Board of Directors at the Ledgebrook condominiums adjacent to the Newton Community Farm (NCF). As you probably know, we at Ledgebrook, especially the late Gene Rubin, were instrumental in the establishment of The Farm. Gene's daughter recently made a significant contribution to The Farm for the construction of a new greenhouse, so that The Farm can significantly increase seedlings for sale to the community at the annual seedling sale.

We have been financial supporters of The Farm since inception. We couldn't ask for more from our neighbor, and respectfully request the the Committee approve the request currently before you to remedy the capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse.

Greg Maslowe has been the Farm manager since 2006. He is a gem. He is the absolute best person for the role. Greg and his family have lived in the farmhouse since they first came to manage The Farm. Anyone visiting the farmhouse would immediately recognize that the requested improvements are very very necessary.

The funds would be used to:

- (1) Resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture.
- (2) Install an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system and a whole-house humidifier.
- (3) Complete an electrical upgrade
- (4) Replace the sagging kitchen ceiling.
- (5) Replace the hot water heater.

These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City's energy priorities.

Newton Community Farm is a unique asset for the entire City of Newton. We are truly privileged to have The Farm, and especially to have Greg Maslowe as the Farm manager.

Please support this request to improve the living conditions for Greg and his family.

Thanks vey much.

Sincerely,



Harvey Crosby
Chair, Board of Directors Ledgebrook Condominium
email: harveypop11@gmail.com
617-733-9327



JCC Greater
Boston

February 14, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- replace the hot water heater.

These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farmstand. NCF also provided education programs to more than 300 people and also offered hands-on opportunities to student interns and volunteers.

It is critical to complete these capital projects so the organization can continue to offer these services to the community and preserve this unique city asset. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Mark Sokoll
Chief Executive Officer
JCC Greater Boston
333 Nahanton Street
Newton, MA 02459

February 13, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton, Community Preservation Committee
1000 Commonwealth Ave., Newton, MA 02459

Mr Brody,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse.

These funds would be used to:

- Resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- Complete an electrical upgrade;
- Replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- Replace the hot water heater.

These projects will contribute to NCF's shift to a more environmentally-sustainable practice by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farmstand. NCF also provided education programs to more than 300 people and also offered hands-on opportunities to student interns and volunteers.

It is critical to complete these capital projects so the organization can continue to offer these services to the community and preserve this unique city asset. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

John Oliver
City Councilor-at-large, Ward 1
joilver@newtonma.gov

Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would be used to resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house; complete an electrical upgrade; replace the sagging kitchen ceiling; replace the hot water heater; and allow a shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system.

NCF is an outstanding community resource and I believe that this would be an excellent use of CPA funds.

I hope that the Community Preservation Committee fully supports and funds this project.

Marc C. Laredo, Councilor at-Large, Ward 7

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Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

I am writing on behalf of Green Newton in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a french drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier.
- complete an electrical upgrade.
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling.
- replace the hot water heater.

Green Newton wants these NCF projects to move forward to shift to more environmentally sustainable practices, especially by electrifying the farmhouse heating system. This will be in sync with the city's energy priorities spelled out in Newton's Climate Action Plan.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years.

It is critical to complete the proposed capital projects, so I urge you to approve their application.

Sincerely,

Marcia Cooper
President, Green Newton

From: Maria Scibelli Greenberg
Sent: Friday, February 11, 2022 4:05 PM
To: Lara Kritzer <lkritzer@newtonma.gov>
Subject: CPA funding for NCF Plz share with CPC members

February 11, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. NCF is an important community resource that must be supported. These funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
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These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities. Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farm stand. NCF also provided education programs to more than 300 people and also offered hands-on opportunities to student interns and volunteers.

It is critical to complete these capital projects so the organization can continue to offer these services to the community and preserve this unique city asset.

I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Maria Scibelli Greenberg (she/her)
Newton Ward 1 City Councilor
617-631-8691

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February 2, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- replace the hot water heater.

Newton Community Farm (NCF) intends to contribute to this project by allocating staff time for project and logistical coordination. NCF will also absorb the costs for site preparations and accommodations for the farmer and his family as needed during construction. These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities. Please also note that NCF recently funded on its own two capital repair projects for the farmhouse that would have been included in the CPA proposal had they not been emergencies.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In my view and the view of many, NCF has superbly executed on the mission that the City laid out in its original purchase of the Angino Farm. Newton Community Farm's performance is a model for public/private partnerships of this kind.

In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food (on tiny acreage) and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farm stand. NCF also provided education programs during the Covid shutdown to more than 300 people and also offered hands-on opportunities to student interns and volunteers. In the spring of 2021 NCF distributed, through its annual seeding sale, over 24,000 seedlings to more than 600 community members. NCF also donated approximately \$12,000 worth of produce to the Newton Food Pantry, Food to Your Table, and the Boston Area Gleaners.

It is critical to complete the capital projects for which CPA funding is requested so Newton Community Farm can continue to execute on its multi-faceted mission to the community. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,



Michael Goldman
Chair, City of Newton Farm Commission

Peter J. Barrer
60 Endicott St.,
Newton, MA 02461

February 11, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Re: Newton Community Farm application to the CPC

Dear Mr. Brody,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. The funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier
- complete an electrical upgrade
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling
- replace the hot water heater.

These projects will contribute to NCF's ongoing shift to environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor education center. Over the years the Farm has been a landmark example of successful use of the CPA process.

It is critical to complete these capital projects so the organization can continue to offer these services to the community and preserve this unique city asset. I urge you to approve this application. Please contact me at 617-630-0923 or pbarrer@gmail.com if there are any questions.

Sincerely yours,



Peter J. Barrer



February 3, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds to remedy capital repair issues in the historic farmhouse. These funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
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These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities.

Newton Community Farm has successfully managed this important city asset for historical, cultural, and environmental purposes for 15 years, primarily serving as a thriving vegetable farm and outdoor educational center. In 2021, NCF grew 50,000 lbs. of food and distributed it through CSA programs, donations to local nonprofits including **3300 lbs to the Newton Food Pantry**, Newton Farmers' Market, and NCF's on-site farmstand. NCF also provided education programs to more than 300 people and also offered hands-on opportunities to student interns and volunteers.

The Newton Food Pantry is grateful to partner with the Newton Community Farm during the growing season and could not continue to serve over 1800 Newton residents without dedicated inventory partners like NCF. . Our clients at our oncampus distribution as well as our offsite initiative, the Newton Community freedge value the opportunity to enjoy fresh locally grown produce that they might otherwise not have access to.

I urge you to approve this application. It is critical to complete these capital projects so that Newton Community Farm can continue to offer these services to the community and preserve this unique city asset. NCF's impact goes way beyond its physical space and we need to do whatever we can to enable it to thrive.

Sincerely,

Regina Wu, MD
President, Newton Food Pantry



Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

February 10, 2022

Dear Dan,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission for Community Preservation Act funds. I am a former board member of NCF, and was President for 6 years (2015 – 2021).

When the City of Newton chose to purchase the Angino Farm, and turn its operations over to the private nonprofit NCF, this created an important and valuable resource for our community. It brings joy, health, connection, learning and land preservation into our lives. During my years as President, I learned just how important the Farm is to so many Newton residents. It is a unique and valuable asset, improving our quality of life with fresh produce for sale and donated to organizations serving the food insecure, education classes, supporting home gardeners, and cultivating a love for nature, science and food in our children.

The CPA funds would be used to:

- resolve chronic water intrusion in the basement and corresponding moisture issues in the house by installing a French drain and sump pump in the basement, an air-source heat pump and ductless HVAC system, and a whole-house dehumidifier;
- complete an electrical upgrade;
- replace the sagging kitchen ceiling;
- replace the hot water heater.

These projects will also contribute to NCF's shift to more environmentally-sustainable practices by electrifying the farmhouse heating system in line with the City of Newton's energy priorities.

The needed repairs to the Farmhouse are substantial, and represent a significant monetary commitment. This is not a burden that NCF can bear without harming its financial stability and future. Awarding CPA funds would contribute to the longevity of the Farm that is such a treasured asset. It is critical to complete these capital projects so the organization can continue to offer these services to the community. I urge you to approve this application.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Cogen

Stephanie Cogen
98 Allen Avenue
Newton, MA 02468

February 23, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Mr. Brody and members of the CPC,

I am writing in support of the application submitted by Newton Community Farm (NCF) and the City of Newton Farm Commission to use Community Preservation Act funds to address the need for capital repair in the historic farmhouse.

I acknowledge that you are familiar with the specific needs of the physical plant, including electrification (an initiative that is symbiotic with legislation that my colleagues in I are pursuing consistent with the Climate Action Plan) and other badly needed repairs that have been requested for the Farm.

I have long felt that the City should financially support the Farm's capital maintenance and improvements. I also think that we should be applying more of our CPA funds to green initiatives and needs. Please add my support to that of many others for maintaining one of Newton's wonderful public resources.

Sincerely,

Chris Markiewicz
Councilor, Ward 4

CC: Ms. Lara Kritzer

From: [Cheryl Lappin](mailto:Cheryl.Lappin@danielsbrody@gmail.com)
To: danielsbrody@gmail.com
Cc: [Lara Kritzer](mailto:Lara.Kritzer@cityofnewton.com)
Subject: Letter of Support for NCF application for CPA funds for historic farmhouse
Date: Saturday, February 26, 2022 1:04:28 PM

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February 25, 2022

Dan Brody, Chair
City of Newton Community Preservation Committee
Newton, MA

Dear Dan,

I am writing to support Newton Community Farm's application for Community Preservation Act Funds to repair the historic farmhouse.

As the first Chair of the Farm Commission and a 9-term Ward 8 City Councilor I have had the pleasure of watching the NCF from acquisition to the thriving community asset it is today. With only one acre of growing space and the best Farm Manager we could ask for, the NCF has provided the citizens of Newton with tens of thousands of pounds of produce, a myriad of educational programs, and help to the neediest in our community.

I have been increasingly impressed that our little farm has been self sustainable with revenue from CSA shares, programming, fundraising and grants.

These repairs of the historic farmhouse are long overdue, will make the farm even more environmentally sustainable and will allow NCF to continue to thrive and be a source of pride for the City.

I urge you to support this important application.

Best regards,



Cheryl Lappin
Newton Farm Commission
Former VP of Newton City Council