

**ROBERT D. MORRILL
8396 SW SNAPDRAGON COURT
STUART, FLORIDA 34997**

October 25, 2021

Hon. Donna D. Holaday, Mayor
City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, Massachusetts, 01950

Re: Morrill Foundation Funding Directive

Dear Madam Mayor,

This letter is to advise the City that the trustees have reviewed the Parks Commission requests which were presented partially via Zoom due to ongoing issues with the COVID-19 pandemic at the City Hall Meeting held on September 21, 2021. The allocation is \$110,000.00.

It should be noted that the pandemic continued to impact several approved projects for 2020 as well as 2021. During my stay in Newburyport, Mrs. Reid's candor and professionalism in detailing the roadblocks brought clarity to the circumstances. Where feasible, alternate options were discussed and will be pursued.

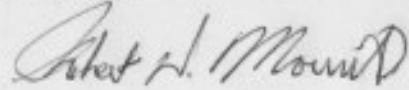
The trustees have agreed upon the following projects for 2022 with the following financial allocations.

1. Garrison's Birthplace Signage - \$2,500.00. The trustees were advised that alternative funding might be forthcoming, which might cover this project. Our desire is to assure that funding is available if needed.
2. Bartlett Mall Restoration Project - \$57,500.00 is provided for the proposed granite seating and barrier at the water's edge of Frog Pond. Should the City secure funding for Garrison's signage, the \$2500.00 will be added to the Mall seating. The total would then be \$60,000.00
3. Atkinson Common Maintenance Building - \$10,000.00. The funds will purchase and install an electric ornamental door for safety and functionality.
4. Lower Atkinson Common Pickleball Court - \$40,000.00. The project will develop 3 courts and the promotion of The Newburyport Conservancy fund should complete the project.

I know that the City Council will have to formally accept these funds at its December meeting. After notification of their acceptance to all trustees, with the original acceptance letter directed to the treasurer Mr. James Agrippa Morrill, a check will be issued next year.

In the meantime, we hope that all in Newburyport will have a wonderful Thanksgiving, a Blessed Christmas, and a safe, joyous and prosperous New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Robert D. Morrill".

Robert D. Morrill

Cc: James Agrippa Morrill, James Astle Morrill, Mary Haslinger, Lise Reid, Kimberly Turner, Jack Grady