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From: Newburyport Waterfront Trust

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SUBJECT: Newburyport Clipper Ship Historic Memorial

On February 22, 2021 Jay Hyland from the Lighthouse Preservation Society and Mike Keropian, their sculptor, made a presentation to the Waterfront Trust outlining their ideas for a Shipbuilding Memorial to be appropriately located along the waterfront in Newburyport. They are very interested in capturing Newburyport's maritime history, including the birth of the Clipper Ship (and famous shipbuilder Donald McKay), as well as the birth of the Coast Guard. Their idea of an outdoor memorial is to make it educational and available to everyone visiting The Clipper City and the Newburyport Waterfront Park.

Based on this presentation and the discussion that ensued, the Waterfront Trust fully endorses the concept of a commemorative monument to be integrated into the expanded park design. We think this would be a very interesting way to tie much of our maritime history, ship designing and building, rope and sail production, ship outfitting, etc., into an educational memorial to be enjoyed for generations to come.

We recommend that the Ad Hoc committee meet with Jay and Mike to hear their most interesting concept for a memorial and see their prototype design. They would be delighted to work with the recently selected park architect to collaboratively develop a design that captures Newburyport's maritime history, enhances the expanded waterfront park, and fits within the overall scope and design of the waterfront development project.

We thank *the Ad Hoc* Committee on Central Waterfront for considering this concept which we endorse.

The Newburyport Waterfront Trust.