

Dianne Boisvert

From: Katelyn E. Sullivan
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 10:46 AM
To: Dianne Boisvert
Subject: FW: NHC

Can you please add this letter from Kim Turner under the Bartlet Mall NHC posting?

From: Kimberly Turner <KTurner@CityofNewburyport.com>
Sent: Monday, March 21, 2022 10:31 AM
To: Katelyn E. Sullivan <KESullivan@CityofNewburyport.com>
Cc: Charles Griffin <CGriffin@ega.net>; Lise Reid <LReid@CityofNewburyport.com>
Subject: RE: NHC

Hi, Katelyn.

Thank you for forwarding me last year's letter of support from the Historic Commission. The project has not materially changed from last year. Half of the funding that was obtained from the CPA last year paid for the extensive testing and bathymetric survey that was completed in November of last year, as well as a full engineer's report on the findings and detailed options on moving the project forward, with cost estimates. The funding to restore the fountain has not yet been spent, but that project is still planned to be completed.

The extensive testing and engineering report that the Parks Commission and Parks Department has received reinforces the notion that an encapsulation model is indeed the right way forward to restore the water quality, and thereby the historic, recreational and aesthetic value of the park. The engineering team will be presenting their detailed findings at an upcoming Parks Commission meeting, so I hesitate to get too bogged down in the scientific details here, but encourage any members of the Historic Commission to attend that upcoming meeting, should they be interested in some of the science and engineering around this process. Either Lise or I can notify you when that meeting is scheduled. I will also present the major points at the CPC meeting on April 7.

We are asking for full funding for the water quality project this year, to be bonded against future allocations of CPA funds, so as to be able to complete this project in full. The nature of the encapsulation process, which includes draining the pond, excavating 5-6", stabilizing the sediment, installing a liner, covering the liner with material that is conducive to aquatic life, drilling a well to refill the pond, and installing mechanisms to ensure future water quality, is not a project that can be phased in. Once it begins, the following steps need to be carried out. Therefore, we have asked for the full estimated dollar amount for the project, which would be paid for from future CPA allocations, over the next 15 years.

We would be honored to have the continued support of the Historic Commission for this important project to restore Newburyport's original town common to its full glory, as the crowning jewel of our City's parks. I've cc'd Lise and Chuck Griffin on this message in case one of them are able to attend Thursday's meeting. I am unable to attend that night, but am available to answer any questions prior to the meeting.

Thank you,

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FYI this was the NHC support letter from last year.