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Concord Community Preservation Committee
141 Keyes Road
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Re: Request to Extend Funding Allocation for CPA #6-19: Warner's Pond Dredging and Access Improvements

Dear Ms. Isenberg and Community Preservation Committee Members:

At 2020 Annual Town Meeting, voters approved \$500,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds towards the dredging and access improvements project at Warner's Pond. Included in the application for the awarded project was \$220,000 for improvements to the Commonwealth Avenue boat launch.

I respectfully request that the CPC allow the boat launch improvements portion of CPA project #6-19 to be extended for an additional 30-month period, with a 20 percent (\$44,000) contingency to allow for potential design modifications and increased costs from earlier cost estimates.

As explained in progress reports, presentations, and applications, this major, multi-year project necessarily extended beyond 30 months. CPA funding was also approved in 2021 and 2023 for dredging and restoration. The dredging project was put out to bid in 2022 and the bid that was received came in more than three times higher than available funds. Following this high bid, the Division of Natural Resources and Natural Resources Commission took multiple steps to engage the community in determining a path forward. These included an Alternatives Analysis Report and the creation of the Warner's Pond Task Force with the charge of reviewing alternatives, exploring feasible options, and recommending a course of action to the NRC. One of the Task Force's recommendations to the NRC was to pursue improvements to the boat launch and parking area at Commonwealth Avenue.

This extension request for a portion of CPA project #6-19--\$264,000 in boat launch improvements funding--would help achieve this goal.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Delia Kaye

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Natural Resources Director

cc: Natural Resources Commission