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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager *EMD*

FROM: Christine McCall, Assistant City Manager/DPD Director

DATE: September 28, 2021

SUBJECT: MOTION OF 8/10/2021 BY COUNCILOR ELLIOTT REQ. CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION UNDER THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR ROLLIE’S FARM AND THEIR WORK WITH THE AUDUBON SOCIETY TO PRESERVE PROPERTY FOR OPEN SPACE

The Community Preservation Committee (CPC) is in receipt of an eligibility application submitted by the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust, Mass Audubon, and Mill City Grows for a project entitled “Protecting Lowell’s Last Farm”. They are seeking \$1,500,000 in CPA funding to create an urban wildlife sanctuary and education center dedicated to local agricultural and community-based environmental education. This eligibility application will be heard by the CPC on September 30, 2021. The CPC will review the project submittal and determine if the proposal meets the CPC’s criteria outlined in its Community Preservation Plan. The Community Preservation Plan is available on the City’s website: <https://www.lowellma.gov/1532/Community-Preservation-Committee> . If the CPC determines that this project is eligible for CPA funding, the CPC will direct the project proponent to submit a complete application for funding due this fall. It is estimated that the CPC will vote on project awards and funding at the end of this calendar year and likely send to the City Council its funding recommendations in early 2021.

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