



*City of Northampton
Community Preservation Committee
210 Main Street, City Hall
Northampton, MA 01060*

October 7, 2016

William H. Dwight
City Council President
210 Main Street, Room 16
Northampton, MA 01060

Re: Community Preservation Committee Recommendation for Funding

Chairman Dwight and City Councilors,

To encourage greater diversity of applicants for CPA funds, broaden community participation, and make applying less formidable, the Community Preservation Committee developed a 'Small Grants' process for funding requests of up to \$3,000.00, with a total project cost not to exceed \$6,000.00. The small grant process was developed to be simpler and less time consuming than the traditional application process, but small grant applicants must still demonstrate their eligibility for funding under the CPA. To expedite the availability of funding, Small Grants Recommendations are provided to City Council as soon as they are complete.

At the February 10, 2016 meeting, the Community Preservation Committee voted to recommend a \$2,860 Small Grant allocation to the Leeds Civic Association for a historic signage walking tour project. When complete, this project will include seven signs along a half mile route that provide a history of the Village of Leeds. The tour will depict the Village in its industrial heyday, inform visitors about the devastating flood, and will complement the Norwottuck Rail Trail and Mill River Greenway. The application presented to the CPC, which includes signage locations and examples, is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself, or Preservation Planner Sarah LaValley with any questions about the projects, if additional information is needed, or the Committee's recommendations.

Thank you,

Brian Adams
Chair, City of Northampton Community Preservation Committee