



**Land Use Department
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The Barrington Library Foundation Campaign Leadership Council
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Dear Council members

The Barrington Conservation Commission is pleased to support the proposed new public library.

The prime – but not only - benefit of the new library to the Commission will be the Community Program Room, a space in which we can hold our regular meetings. Ever since the demise of the old Town Hall, we have been bounced from place to place, sometimes at the last moment, for our meetings, so a truly permanent spot for them would be most welcome. We are pleased to see that the room will be divisible, and thus can even accommodate two simultaneous meetings, should another group need a space at the same time as we do.

We also recognize the library as an invaluable resource for information about the natural world and natural resources, and as an organizer and venue for public talks about science and nature. The new building will allow those programs to flourish even more.

Our collaborations with the library in the past have included participating in the "Story Walk" program that was done on the Kids of the River property a few years back, and support for the Winnie the Pooh Trail, which is close to the library. The enhancement of the children's program in the new building should only increase this promotion of getting kids involved in nature, which is one of our major goals.

Finally, we are delighted to see that the new library will be designed with high energy efficiency in mind, incorporating high insulation and solar panels.

Sincerely,

John Wallace
Barrington Conservation Commission