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SPONSORED BY: Kassandra Gove **BILL No. 2022- 190**
Kassandra Gove, Mayor

An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$20,000 from the Coastal Trails Coalition (CTC) for the Amesbury Carriagetown Connector project.

Summary: This \$20,000 grant is being awarded to the City of Amesbury for use by the Department of Public Works (DPW) to help pay for designing, engineering, and permitting the Carriagetown Connector, an off-road shared use path that will connect Amesbury's Riverwalk Trail to the Coastal Trails Network. The project is valued at \$219,400. The balance of funding for this project will come from the Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation Mass Trails Grant program, Amesbury Health Care Charitable Trust (AHCCT), and Department of Public Works (Chapter 90 Program).

Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled, and by the authority of the same as follows:

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of amount of \$20,000 from the Coastal Trails Coalition (CTC) for the Amesbury Carriagetown Connector project.



Amanda Lewis, MassTrails Program Manager
Department of Conservation and Recreation
136 Damon Road
Northampton, MA 01060

January 17, 2022

Dear Ms. Lewis:

This is to confirm that Coastal Trails Coalition, Inc. ("CTC") strongly supports the City of Amesbury's application for a MassTrails grant to pay for designing, engineering and permitting of the Carriagetown Connector, an off-road shared use path that will connect Amesbury's Riverwalk Trail to Elm Street and the Coastal Trails Network.

The Coastal Trails Network is a nearly completed 30-mile network of rail trails, shared use paths and bike lanes connecting the business centers, transportation hubs and beaches in Newbury, Newburyport, Salisbury and Amesbury. The Riverwalk is a part of the Network and is a very popular rail trail that links downtown Amesbury to Carriagetown Marketplace, the primary shopping center in Amesbury. MassDOT's recent completion of the Amesbury-Salisbury Trail Connector @ I-95 to Elm Street leaves only a short, but dangerous missing link between the Riverwalk and the rest of the Coastal Trails Network. Completing the missing links in this major regional recreational trail network will not only improve public safety, but also enhance the quality of life in the region and attract many more visitors to the area.

The Carriagetown Connector will provide significant benefits to the people of Amesbury as it will provide a safe way for them to travel on foot or by bike to Salisbury and downtown Newburyport via Salisbury's Ghost Trail and Old Eastern Marsh Trail as well as to other sections of Newburyport via the Garrison Trail over the I-95 Whittier Bridge. Likewise people from Salisbury, Newburyport and other towns in the region will be able to use the Carriagetown Connector to go to the Carriagetown Marketplace and downtown Amesbury.

CTC wholeheartedly supports this project and has committed to make a \$20,000 grant to the City of Amesbury to provide part of the matching funds for the requested grant. CTC earnestly requests that you approve this grant application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry Klima".

Jerry Klima, Director and Treasurer



This agreement is between **Coastal Trails Coalition, Inc.**, a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, P.O. Box 1016, Newburyport, Massachusetts 01950, and the **City of Amesbury**, 62 Friend Street, Amesbury, Massachusetts 01913.

Whereas the mission of Coastal Trails Coalition, Inc. (CTC) is to assist in the development of the Coastal Trails Network, a nearly 30-mile system of interconnected on- and off-road trails linking the four communities of Amesbury, Newbury, Newburyport and Salisbury; and

Whereas the City of Amesbury wishes to develop an off-road trail project (Carriagetown Connector Project) that would connect the Amesbury Riverwalk and Carriagetown Plaza to Elm Street and provide a safe link to the Coastal Trails Network; and

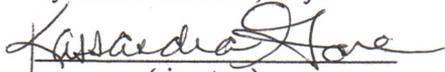
Whereas the City of Amesbury has requested a grant of \$20,000 to support paying for the design, engineering and permitting work needed to prepare the Carriagetown Connector Project for construction as a MassDOT Highway Division project and to serve as matching funds for a 2022 MassTrails grant for the same purpose.

CTC and the City of Amesbury agree as follows:

1. CTC will award a \$20,000 grant to the City of Amesbury to be used only to pay for the costs of designing, engineering and permitting the project.
2. The grant requires no matching funds; provided that the City of Amesbury will repay to CTC any funds not expended for such purposes within three (3) years after the date of this agreement.
3. The grant amount will be paid to the City of Amesbury within ten (10) business days after a MassTrails grant is awarded to the City of Amesbury for the project and the City gives notice thereof to CTC.
4. The City of Amesbury will permit representatives of CTC to participate in the planning of the project and to review and comment on drafts of the MassTrails grant application prior to final submission.
5. This grant agreement supersedes and terminates the prior grant agreement between the parties relating to the City of Amesbury's application for a 2021 MassTrails grant for the project.
6. The City of Amesbury will recognize CTC's funding contribution in any publicity relating to the project and on any plaques or signs recognizing those who contributed to design and construction of the project.

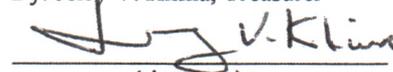
City of Amesbury

By: Kassandra Gove, Mayor


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Coastal Trails Coalition, Inc.

By: Jerry V. Klima, Treasurer


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