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Community Preservation Committee
141 Keyes Rd.
Concord, MA 01742

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee,

I enthusiastically write to support the Town of Concord Archives' CPA application for the *Conservation and Digitization of Town Record Books Volumes 1-5*.

This project proposal for historic preservation seeks to support the conservation and digitization of the Town's earliest volumes of Town Record Books. These records are unique because they cover many facets of government at the time, as well as the workings of various governmental units from those years. The conservation of these volumes will provide much-needed treatment to repair damage, improve the stability of these essential records, and prevent further deterioration. The digitization will enhance access to these frequently requested records.

The Concord Free Public Library's Special Collections provides an understanding and appreciation of Concord's history and culture. The Town of Concord Archives' historically significant records are stored and made accessible to the public in Special Collections. The Town Archives and Special Collections closely collaborate to make these collections and records accessible to a wide range of patrons, including residents of the Town of Concord, scholarly researchers, family historians, students, and any member of the public interested in learning about the history of the Town of Concord and its inhabitants.

This project, if funded, would preserve and significantly enhance public access to these invaluable Town records, increasing knowledge of Concord's historic and cultural resources.

Please consider supporting this project!

Sincerely,

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