



Needham Land Trust, Inc.
99 Bridle Trail Road
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To: Needham Town Meeting Members

From: Alicia L. Downey, President, Needham Land Trust, Inc.

Date: October 27, 2023

Re: Article 16: Foster Property Open Space Zoning Non-Binding Resolution

On behalf of the board of directors of Needham Land Trust, Inc., I am writing to ask Town Meeting members to vote in favor of the non-binding resolution set forth in Article 16.

Needham Land Trust (<https://needhamlandtrust.org>), is a registered non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded in 2012 by a group of Needham residents with a shared interest in preserving and protecting open space and supporting native wildlife, trees, and plants in the Town of Needham. The Trust's directors, who include residents of Precincts D, F, G, and H, strongly believe that the acquisition of a portion of the Foster property, for use as open space and to better link Ridge Hill Reservation to the Charles River, is an incomparable opportunity that the Town should pursue by all feasible means.

Thank you for your consideration.