

Gillett Pond CRF request

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Hi all,

On Tuesday June 13th the Richmond Conservation Commission (RCC) approved the attached motion to recommend that the Selectboard (SB) provide \$50,000 from the Conservation Reserve Fund towards the rebuilding of the Gillett Pond dam. I have attached a note from Wright Preston of the Richmond Land Trust, (RLT), who reminds us that the RLT had originally requested \$200,000 towards the dam, and the RCC recommended that the SB provide \$150,000 at that time, with the option of making more funds available if needed to complete the project financing.

Please find attached Wright's note, the RLT Gillett Pond 2023 proposal, and the approved RCC motion.

If this could be added to the SB agenda for the next meeting, we would be grateful.

Thanks for your consideration,

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3 attachments

- 2023_RLT Gillett Pond Dam_Preston Letter.txt
- 2023_Gillett Pond 2023_GP CRF App 6-5-23_Borie.pdf 2724K
- 2023_Motion for Gillett Pond 2023.docx 13K

<u>Motion</u>

The Richmond Conservation Commission recommends that the Selectboard approve \$50,000 in Conservation Reserve Funds to cover recently incurred costs associated with rebuilding the Gillett Pond dam, as described in the Richmond Land Trust proposal dated 7 June 2023. The request fits an extensive number of CRF criteria, as enumerated in detail in the proposal related to providing access to and preserving recreational opportunities and describing the historical and natural resource value of this important natural area and associated wetlands. These funds must be expended within 3 years of the date of final approval, thus by June 13, 2026.