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## Bench

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To: Josh Arneson <jarneson@richmondvt.gov>, Ravi Venkataraman <rvenkataraman@richmondvt.gov>

Cc: Gary Beckwith <gary@longtrailssolar.com>

Hi Josh and Ravi,

You may already have heard from Gary Beckwith about this. Gary submitted a Conservation Reserve Fund grant request to support the purchase of a bench to be installed along the Rivershore Trail. The grant was approved by the Conservation Commission and Selectboard, but to be given to and administered through the Richmond Land Trust. Gary is now preparing a permit application and was surprised to learn of a \$65 permitting fee, which was not in his original budget.

We would like to formally request to get the fee waived or reduced. The extenuating circumstances are that the Richmond Land Trust is a non-profit, the bench is installed in area of public access to the benefit of all Town residents, and a \$65 fee relative to the total project cost of a \$500 bench installation is unreasonably high on a % basis. Seems the permit fee was set for projects of higher value and more complexity.

Can we please submit a fee waiver request to the Selectboard?

Thanks,

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