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Dear Mike,

I am writing to request an agenda item for the June 13, 2016 Town of Cape Elizabeth Town Council meeting. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) is requesting funding from the Town to assist in the purchase of the property being sold by Barry Glew near Great Pond. Following are a few details regarding this project:

- CELT has a contract to purchase the 22.8-acre property at appraised value. The planned closing date is August 1, 2016.
- CELT would prepare and sign a declaration of trust to deed restrict the land for public access and conservation use in perpetuity.
- Pre-closing costs for the property to date have included a survey and environmental site assessment valued at \$6,550. The survey is attached for reference (SURVEY CELT GLEW PROPERTY.pdf).
- We held a walk for Town Council members and the general public on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 to introduce participants to the property location. We were very happy that some Council members were able to join the walk.
- The current Town Greenbelt Trail already crosses this property near Great Pond and the *Town of Cape Elizabeth 2013 Greenbelt Plan* has additional *potential* trails depicted on this property. The Town of Cape Elizabeth Conservation Commission deems this a strategically valuable property.
- In exchange for financial support, CELT would ask the town to be the holder of a public access easement. As part of this public access easement, they would work closely with the Conservation Commission on all trails.

Thank you for your consideration. I would be happy to provide additional documents if it would be helpful for the Council discussion.

Sincerely,

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