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Matthew Sturgis  
Cape Elizabeth Town Manager  
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Dear Matt,

It was great to meet with you recently regarding the Cape Elizabeth Land Trust contract for the purchase of real estate from the Robinson Family LLC with regard to 51.9 acres abutting the Robinson Woods Preserve for \$845,000. The Cape Elizabeth Land Trust (CELT) is requesting funding from the Town to assist with the purchase of this property, I am writing to ask that you, in coordination with the Town Council, consider a contribution of \$281,666, which is one-third of the asking price. In our opinion, this addition to the Robinson preserve will provide significant benefits to all members of our community not only now but into the future. Below is some history and a few more details regarding this purchase.

- The Town has a history of supporting the Robinson Woods purchases and other land trust acquisitions for the benefit of public access and wildlife protection in Cape Elizabeth:
  - The Town of Cape Elizabeth generously contributed \$250,000 to the \$750,000 purchase price of Robinson Woods I in December 2000.
  - The Town also contributed \$350,000 towards the \$1.1 million purchase price of Robinson Woods II in November 2012.
- CELT has a contract to purchase the 51.9-acre property at appraised value. The planned closing date is October 31, 2018. There is a possibility for a 6-month extension through April 30, 2019 if certain requirements are satisfied.
- We would be happy to hold a walk through the new acquisition for Town Council members and the general public at a mutually agreed-upon date.
- 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, CELT would work with the Conservation Committee on trail placement and design as in the case of Great Pond Preserve.

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

Sincerely,  
  
Cynthia Krum  
Executive Director

