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Dear Members of the Grant Committee,

On behalf of Scouting America Troop 159 of Westford, I am writing to express our strong support for the restoration and preservation of the Meetinghouse at First Parish Church United.

First Parish Church United has been the chartering organization for Troop 159 since 1953. For generations, the church has provided our Scouts with a welcoming place to meet, learn leadership skills, plan service projects, and grow as responsible members of the community. These service and Eagle project can be seen through Westford and surrounding communities.

The Meetinghouse and surrounding facilities are used not only by our troop, but by many community groups throughout Westford. It serves as a gathering place for youth programs, civic events, and community activities. Most recently FPCU and many members of the Troop worked together to package thousands of healthy meals for Meals of Hope. The improvements made in the past, including the connector and accessibility upgrades, have made the space more welcoming and accessible to everyone.

Troop 159 has a long history of service to the town of Westford. Since the early 1960s, more than 170 Eagle Scout service projects have been completed by Scouts from our troop alone, contributing lasting improvements throughout the community. Having a supportive chartering partner like First Parish Church United has played an important role in making that possible.

Preserving the historic Meetinghouse will ensure that this important community space remains available for future generations of Scouts and Westford residents. We are grateful for the church's decades of support for our troop and the many ways it continues to serve the broader community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Scouting,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jeremy Brown'.

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