

Massachusetts Cultural Council  
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Dear Massachusetts Cultural Council grant administrators,

The Montague Historical Commission is pleased to support the Montague Common Hall's accessibility and site improvement project as part of its application to the Massachusetts Cultural Council's Facilities Fund.

Constructed in 1834 as a Unitarian Church and later transferred to the Montague Grange in the 1930s, the Hall embodies nearly two centuries of civic, spiritual, and cultural life in Montague Center. Today it continues that legacy as a place where residents gather for music, dance, and community events.

Having reviewed the proposed plans, the Commission finds that the project thoughtfully balances modern accessibility requirements with preservation of the Hall's historic character. The design is sensitive to original materials and setting, integrates a landscaped ramp and ADA access in a manner compatible with the building and grounds, and improves site drainage to protect the historic fabric.

We endorse this project as a model of how accessibility and preservation can work hand in hand to sustain an important community landmark for future generations.

Sincerely,

Janel Nockleby, Chair  
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