



TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

LEVERETT HISTORICAL COMMISSION

October 2025

Dear Members of the Leverett Community Preservation Committee,

The Leverett Historical Commission writes in enthusiastic support of the application by the Friends of the North Leverett Sawmill (FONLS) for Community Preservation Act funding to support critical structural repairs to the historic North Leverett Sawmill.

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The North Leverett Sawmill is one of the town's most significant historic assets, representing an important part of our industrial and community heritage. Its preservation has been the focus of years of dedicated effort by the Friends of the North Leverett Sawmill and community volunteers. The site now serves not only as a preserved artifact of 18th-century mill architecture but is also, now, envisioned as an educational and cultural resource for residents and visitors.

The Leverett Historical Commission holds a Historic Preservation Restriction (HPR) on the property, the purpose of which is to ensure that the historic character, appearance, and integrity of the mill are protected. The current grant application aligns fully with those goals, addressing urgent structural needs that, if left unattended, could compromise the long-term stability of the building. The requested repairs are essential to the preservation of the historic structure, and supporting this grant will help ensure that the sawmill remains a vibrant and visible reminder of Leverett's rich history.

We strongly urge the Community Preservation Committee to recommend this proposal to Town Meeting.

Sincerely,
Leverett Historical Commission
Ann Tweedy
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Carole DeSanti
Eva Gibavic