



Gary Christenson, Mayor

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Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

**RE: CPA Funding Submission
Linden Ice Rink Project**

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support of the attached request to fund the design of the Linden Ice Rink which has been submitted to me by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). In reaching their recommendation, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden's Community Preservation Plan. This project was also the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on December 8, 2021.

This project is to convert an existing rundown street hockey rink into a newly constructed rink that will accommodate hard-surface sports in the good weather months and ice sports in the winter months. It will provide the opportunity for an abundance of new outdoor recreational activities which in times of COVID-19 are even more critical. A feasibility study has already been conducted and the requested funding of \$200,000 will cover 100% of the design plan and the permitting that will be required to move forward.

Again, I fully support this request and believe that an outdoor rink will offer a unique recreational venue to our children and residents. I am attaching the CPC's Funding Recommendation with stated conditions and please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden