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SENT VIA EMAIL

Greg Johnson
Town Administrator
Town of Maynard
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RE: Maynard Conservation Commission Vote to Support Article 3: Climate Emergency Declaration at the 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting

Dear Greg Johnson,

On March 8th, 2022, Maynard Conservation Commission voted unanimously to support the proposed Article 3: Climate Emergency Declaration. Because of our deep concern for the natural environment, we endorse action to address climate change. Maynard's wetland soils and mature trees are powerful systems for carbon sequestration. Species diversity is at risk from climate change and consequent species migration is possible only with adequate wildlife corridors. Wetlands and forests act like sponges, reducing flood water flow in the event of severe weather. The Conservation Commission's role in protecting the natural environment of Maynard including the wetlands and forested areas is in complete alignment with the Climate Emergency Declaration and we fully support it.

Sincerely,

Conservation Commission

Susan Erickson

Jeffery Black

M John Dwyer

John Milhaven

Sarah Measures