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Jerry O'Conner, Chair
Budget Committee
Town of Wakefield, NH

Mr. Conner:

The Union Village Community Association, a 501(c)3, is requesting financial support from the Town of Wakefield for the repair of the Drew Mill Dam. As was said in our letter to the Selectmen, there are three points which suggest that the taxpayers of the Town have an interest in doing this:

- The *Historic* and *Economic* viability of the Union area of Wakefield;
- The *Environmental* and *Recreational* nature of the Drew Mill Pond for residents of Wakefield; and
- The *Fire Protection water source* provided by the Pond to the residents of the Union area of Wakefield.

Some financial considerations:

- To date, \$12,550 has been raised and spent for Engineering, some repairs, and State fees.
- In kind contributions in labor and expertise by local residents and businesses has been significant; these individuals intend to continue participating in the Dam reconstruction.
- Our next step is to file an application with the State's Dam Bureau this summer and begin construction. We are pursuing, at the State level, relief from the State application fee for non-profits.
- The monies being requested from the taxpayers of Wakefield reflect cost estimates done by professional members of our organization and our engineering firm.
- We have already investigated an LCHIP grant to cover further costs. The funds already raised and spent, as well as those which might come from this warrant article, can serve as matching funds for such a grant.

We appreciate your consideration of this project, especially as we are aware that this time of year is very busy for Town Government.

Sincerely,

Richard C. House, Director
Union Village Community Association