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DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

RE: Warner River Nomination to the NH Rivers Management & Protection Program

Dear Ms. Sales,

The Hopkinton Select Board supports the nomination of the Warner River to the New Hampshire Rivers Management and Protection Program (RMPP). We have met with representatives from the Warner River Nomination Committee and believe this is an important project that deserves our support.

With a successful river nomination, a Local Advisory Committee (LAC) will form with representatives from Bradford, Sutton, Warner, Webster, and Hopkinton who will work together to develop a river management plan to identify goals and recommend actions to preserve the outstanding qualities of the Warner River. While Hopkinton's frontage on the Warner River is comparatively short, the river is an important tributary to the Contoocook River, a key element of Hopkinton's character. Events that impact the Warner River impact the Contoocook River and Hopkinton residents as well.

A successful nomination to the RMPP will enhance the partnership between the NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) and the Warner River LAC as the group develops and implements a river management plan to balance the various uses of the river. DES will be more likely to assist with enforcing regulations on water quality and quantity of water flow that will affect all five towns along the river. A successful nomination will result in the protection of a valuable regional asset so that future generation will benefit from the combined natural, cultural, and economic resources of our rivers.

Please give serious consideration to the application of the Warner River to the RMPP. If you have any questions regarding our letter of support, please contact our office.

Sincerely,
Hopkinton Select Board

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