

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND
MASSACHUSETTS**



January 29, 2020

Laura Christopher
Program Manager
MassDevelopment
99 High Street
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Christopher:

The Buckland Select Board write in support of the Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association's application to the Commonwealth Places Program.

The Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association (GSFABA) seeks \$15,000 from Mass Development to fund their initiative to purchase new bright and festive holiday decorations for the Village of Shelburne Falls.

Shelburne Falls is a community shared by the Towns of Buckland and Shelburne and enjoys year-round tourist traffic. During the Spring, Summer and Fall the combined efforts of the communities, the Bridge of Flowers and mother nature provide ample attraction to visitors. The goal of GSFABA is to purchase decorations that will be professionally designed and fabricated which can be kept up all winter long to bring people to the Shelburne Falls business district during the village's slower winter tourist season.

The lights and decorations are intended to brighten the Village in the winter months and provide a festive holiday attraction to be enjoyed by tourists and locals alike.

We appreciate the consideration of Commonwealth Places and look forward to working with Mass Development to achieve our community's goals.

Sincerely;

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "ZT", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Zachary Turner
Select Board Chair

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