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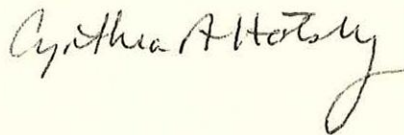
Dear Members of the RTM,

I write to ask for your support in approving the funding request to rehabilitate the Nevins cottage. The house is a designated historic property located in the center of Waterford. In its current neglected state I am sure no one can envision it as an asset to the center of our town, but it could be. It could open seasonally to enhance tourism in the area. Visitors could stop in for information on the local parks, beach, Eugene O'Neill Theater as well as Harkness and even Seaside. I am sure there are volunteers who would be happy to give their time to staff a welcome center. Perhaps there could even be items for sale that would generate revenue.

As a town owned property, the cottage should have been maintained far better than it has been, but it is not too late for this little house. I understand that there is a fundraising effort underway to help finance the cottage restoration and that grant funds are also available. If the RTM approves this request, then I am sure that donors and the state will be willing to contribute as well.

This little house is so perfectly situated: adjacent to the Historical Society and nearby Jordan Village the restored cottage will only enhance the character of our town. In its present state it shows a lack of civic pride. Please vote to approve the funding so that we can all work together to complete this long neglected project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cynthia A. Harty". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the "Sincerely," text.

cc: Robert Brule, First Selectman