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Dear Bedford Resident:

We invite you to join your fellow Bedford residents in helping us build our special community park, the Bedford Village Common, located here in the historic center of Bedford. This natural setting, representative of a true New England town common, is viewed by many as an important element in defining Bedford in its most traditional sense.

To date, the investment in the Common has reached nearly \$100,000 in completed environmental and engineering design services, permitting, signage, fencing, land clearing, and the construction of a parking lot. These costs have been financed through appropriations of the Bedford town budget.

We now look to you and other residents to create a private/public partnership to raise the additional \$385,000 necessary to complete the park. Our immediate goal is to raise \$105,000 in private donations to complete Phase II of the Common by the fall of 2010. Phase II will include the construction of a traditional bandstand, stone dust pathways, and wetland crossings in the western section of the park. In addition to the \$105,000, \$60,000 will be contributed from the Town's Parks and Recreation Impact Fees for a total cost of Phase II to be approximately \$165,000.

Projected for the fall of 2011, Phase III will add a natural skating pond and a warming hut replica of the old Bedford Train Depot, and phase IV will add the finishing touches including the birdhouses, arbors, benches, gardens and more. This beautiful park will be something Bedford can truly be proud of! The balance of the raised donations will complete these final two phases of the western section of the park.

We believe the future of Bedford lies in our continuing ability to work together in the best interests of the residents and businesses of our community by making Bedford a more desirable and attractive place in which to live and work. A completed Bedford Village Common will help maintain the high quality of life that attracts so many to Bedford. It will improve the aesthetics of the Route 101 corridor and provide inviting opportunities for passive recreation and special events including concerts, fairs, picnics, and ceremonies – a whole myriad of events to be enjoyed by people of all ages.

We hope you will join us in supporting the Bedford Village Common with your generous donation today! Please complete the enclosed donor form and return it, with your tax-deductible check, in the enclosed envelope.

We hope we can count on you to become a friend of the Common.

Sincerely,

Mike Izbicki
Chairman, on behalf of the
Bedford Town Council

Beverly Thomas
Chair, Bedford Village Common
Development Committee