

Scott Myers | City Manager Laconia City Hall 45 Beacon Street East Laconia, NH 03246

July 19, 2021

Dear City Manager Myers,

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Board of Directors and membership of the Rotary Club of Laconia as evidence of our support for the Belknap Mill's patio project, in honor of Rod Dyer. The proposed project and conceptual design of the *Rod Dyer Powerhouse Patio* expands the current patio of the Belknap Mill onto the City of Laconia's property exemplifying the integral relationship and between our municipality and the Belknap Mill.

Warren Clement, fellow Laconia Rotarian, longstanding businessperson, and community leader helped lead the charge in 1996 through 1997 to create what is now Rotary Riverside Park. Warren has graciously agreed to serve on the Belknap Mill's 'patio committee'. Warren's historical context and knowledge of Rotary Riverside Park will be invaluable to the planning process to ensure the gateway to our City remains a place of pride and presence.

Members of Laconia Rotary have volunteered countless hours each year towards the beautification of the Rotary Riverside Park. Landscape efforts, bulb planting, and maintenance of the bandstand are just some of the ways Laconia Rotary, alongside Laconia Parks and Recreation, have helped ensure the prosperity of the park. Each year, through 2021, our club spends over four-thousand dollars in landscape expense for the park. Although we cannot confirm a pre-determined financial commitment to future park-related landscape expenses, please know that Laconia Rotary Club members are in support of this project, and we look forward to being part of the planning process as the design moves from concept to reality.

Rod Dyer has done much for our community as a business leader and a friend. We are immensely proud to support a project named in his honor.

Thank you for accepting this letter of support.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Anderson

Rotary Club of Laconia | President