

May 3, 2025

Concord City Council 41 Green Street Concord, NH 03301

Dear Dave Gill,

On behalf of the Board of Ski The Beav, we are writing to reaffirm our commitment to bring affordable cross-country skiing to Beaver Meadow. We understand that the city will likely be presented a budget that includes \$43,000 for the cost of extending a 2.5 inch underground water line, water meter and underground three-phase power to the edge of the driving range during the renovation of the parking lot this calendar year.

We are pleased to inform you that Ski The Beav is ready to take the next step to support snowmaking. Our board and volunteers will launch a fundraising campaign this summer to raise the necessary funds to cover these costs.

Over the past year, enthusiasm for reviving skiing at Beaver Meadow has continued to grow, with strong support from local families, volunteers, and civic leaders. We believe this project represents a wonderful opportunity to expand outdoor recreation options right here in Concord—offering healthy, affordable winter fun for kids and families, and deepening community connection to one of the city's most beloved public spaces.

On top of the cost of extending water and electrical service to purchase a single fan gun, which would allow us to begin limited snowmaking operations for the upcoming ski season. Based on estimates from the vendor that we used for a snowgun demo last year, the fan gun will cost an additional \$46,000, but will be made more affordable by a 30% rebate from NHSaves if we purchase an energy efficient model.

This will be an important first phase, and we are eager to work in close partnership with the City of Concord and other stakeholders to ensure the project moves forward in a way that reflects the community's needs and priorities. We see this as just the beginning—laying the groundwork for what we hope will grow into a sustainable and much-loved seasonal asset for Concord residents for years to come.

We look forward to keeping the Council informed as our fundraising efforts progress, and we welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss next steps.

Thank you for your leadership and your continued support for outdoor recreation in our city.

Sincerely.

Ski The Beav Board of Directors:

Matt Cahillane, Julianne Gadoury, Sam Evans-Brown, Steve Norton, Tina Norton, Susan Woods