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**Letter of Commitment to First Light Conservation Community Delegation on Wabanaki Land Access and Land Issues**

This letter documents the commitment of Land in Common to serving as a member of the Conservation Community Delegation on Wabanaki Land Access and Land Issues. Wabanaki Leaders and Community Members engaged with the First Light Learning Journey have requested that the conservation community form this Delegation to work with the Wabanaki Commission on Land and Stewardship.

Land in Common, represented by Ethan Miller (our Co-Director), has been invited to join the Delegation as of April, 2022. We are honored by this invitation and we recognize and respect the immense work and relationship-building that has come before us. As a community land trust committed to advancing land justice in all dimensions, decolonization and the return of land to Wabanaki stewardship is central to Land in Common’s work. We are in an ongoing process of listening, learning, challenging ourselves and our communities, and transforming our organization in ways that we hope will deepen our impact in these areas. Participation as part of the Delegation is an appropriate and exciting next step in this journey.

Land in Common’s Board of Directors has approved Ethan’s full participation on the Delegation, and our organization is committed to supporting this work as part of this regular staff time. We understand that this commitment entails monthly meetings (virtual or in-person), occasional retreats, and approximately 2 hours per week outside of meetings in support of Delegation projects. As part of his role, Ethan will keep Land in Common apprised of the Delegation’s work and progress.

We know that the Delegation will incur costs and requires ongoing funding. Land in Common is currently a very small organization in the process of growing our funding base and capacity while also meeting many needs in the communities we seek to serve. We are not able, at this time, to contribute to the Delegation beyond the in-kind donation of Ethan’s participation.

We are honored to have Ethan join the Delegation on our behalf and to initiate a discovery process with Wabanaki representatives to explore mutual goals, potential partnerships, and avenues for deeper engagement.

Sincerely,

  
Kate Boverman,

President