

May 5, 2005

Gardiner City Council
City Hall, 6 Church St.
Gardiner, ME 04345

Dear Councilors:

The Board of Directors of Johnson Hall supports the re-design, as presented to the City Council by Gardiner Savings Institution, of the pocket park next to our building on Water Street. Our Executive Director has had input into the design and has spoken several times with Don Leighton, the engineer doing the design. We are pleased that the new design continues to allow for outdoor performances, since we present music and theatrics in the mini-park during the *Celebrate the Arts in Gardiner* event in June and also at our new *Lively Lunches* series in August. We also believe that this re-structuring of the park will improve its aesthetics. We are doing our part, as well, by having the white paint on our building removed during the month of May. Together, these activities will make this welcoming space even more attractive.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

John Shaw, President
Johnson Hall Board of Directors