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August 11, 2018

Community Preservation Committee c/o Planning Department Town of Acton 472 Main Street Acton, MA 01720

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

In light of the latest court ruling and after serious and thoughtful discussions with the Board of Trustees, the Acton Congregational Church is withdrawing its applications submitted on November 16, 2015 for historic Stained-Glass Window Preservation and the Master Plan for the Historic Preservation of the Church, John Fletcher House and Abner Hosmer House.

The Board of Trustees and the congregation appreciates all the time, effort, and expense put forth by the CPC committee, the town, and its lawyers to litigate the lawsuit that stemmed from these two applications. Your commitment to the process of preserving the history in these three structures is commendable and beyond what any town should have to defend. Your support for this cause throughout the past two and a half years has been remarkable and we are humbled at the dedication at which all parties within the town took action protecting the rights of the town and its tax payers in this historic case.

If you should have any questions regarding the decision, please feel free to contact me anytime at the contact information below.

Thank you again for all of your support since November of 2015 and wish this committee and the town the best in its preservation initiatives now and in the future.

Best Regards

David Laster, Chair Board of Trustees

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