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Chiara M. Barnes, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
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RE: Thanks to the Fire Department and HMLD

Dear Chairman Barnes,

On July 6, 2021, we had a lightning strike at our home that resulted in an electrical fire in the walls. Fortunately we were home at the time and discovered the fire quickly. A 911 call had the Holden Fire Department here within minutes with multiple trucks and firefighters, including the Chief and Deputy Chief. Soon thereafter, several trucks from HMLD arrived to turn off the electricity. Had we not been at home during the strike, the firefighters said that the house could have been completely destroyed.

Now that we again have electricity, we write to express our most sincere thanks to all of the responders from these two departments. Their professionalism and care for us during and after the fire was truly impressive as they are indeed at the top-of-their-game. The residents of Holden are fortunate to have people of such ability, commitment and empathy ready and able to protect us when called upon. To a person, they were respectful of us and of our property (including our flowers and shrubbery).

Please convey to the Fire Department and HMLD our appreciation for the remarkable service and care they provided us in our moment of need.

Sincerely,



Charles Weiss



Gayle Weiss

cc: Fire Chief Hall ✓
Deputy Fire Chief Smith
HMLD General Manager Parenteau