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To Whom It May Concern,

It my pleasure to write a letter of endorsement for Paul Wainwright's application for grant funding for his important book about Colonial Meetinghouses. Paul's book speaks to the importance of raising the public's awareness of Meetinghouses, which is a goal important to the preservation of these beautiful buildings. The book is targeted at "armchair historians", frequently the community members who work to preserve, interpret and use historic structures. Paul's outstanding images will effectively communicate with his readers, and the book will be of significant help to organizations such as Historic New England as we seek greater awareness of—and financial support for—historic structures such as our Rocky Hill Meetinghouse, in Amesbury, Mass.

I encourage you to support this important University Press of New England project. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carl R. Nold
President and CEO, Historic New England

and Chairman, American Association of Museums