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To: Town of Cape Elizabeth

RE: Bottle Shed Application for Cape Elizabeth Little League

To whom it may concern,

Cape Elizabeth Little League would like to apply for the application to be a recipient of our town's bottle shed donations. Cape Elizabeth Little League is the longest running and largest youth sports program in town serving over 400 children annually. In addition to being the largest youth athletics organization in Cape Elizabeth, the league has been in existence for over 50 years and is entirely volunteer run (Board members, coaches, umpires, etc...). We are also the 1<sup>st</sup> established Little League in the State of Maine! In addition to teaching the games of baseball and softball to the youth of our town, our first priority as a league to promote character, community and sportsmanship.

Player registration fees make up the bulk of our annual funding as we do not ask our players or player families to spend an inordinate amount of time on outside fundraising. We strive to keep our registration fees as low as possible to make Little League affordable for Cape Elizabeth families. Cape Little League is one of the least expensive youth sports programs from a registration perspective and we continually strive to spend money wisely and to keep registration costs low to allow as many children as possible to play. Although Cape Elizabeth is regarded as a wealthier community, every year there are a significant number of children that would like to play Little League that simply cannot afford to do so. Cape Little League offers scholarships to every player/family that requests one and their player(s) have their registration fee waived (and in many instances the league supplies their gloves/cleats, etc....). Any funding provided from the Cape Bottle Shed will help our league continue to fund scholarships as well as fund our field upkeep, uniform costs and on-going equipment costs.

As a long-time bottle shed volunteer Cape Little League hopes to be a recipient of funds from the bottle shed moving forward.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Lombardo', written in a cursive style.

Jeremy Lombardo

President, Cape Elizabeth Little League

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