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Community Preservation Committee
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Re: First Baptist Church CPA Grant Application.

Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing in support of the Church's application to the CPC for funding the restoration of the Bell Tower. The architectural legacy of religious buildings in our community, and indeed all communities, should be protected by funding these restoration projects. These buildings represent our collective past and are often the best sample of a period architectural style. The First Baptist Church is an exquisite example of the rusticated Romanesque style of HH Richardson, architect of Trinity Church in Copley Square. The building, situated in the middle of Newton Centre is an icon for this city. The demolition of its tower is unfathomable.

Finally, the building is an asset for the entire community. It has been a valued venue for performances by community orchestral and choral groups. It is a cultural, educational, and social center in this City and desires City support.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay", written in a cursive style.

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28 May 2024

Community Preservation Committee
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre, MA 02459

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

I am writing in regard to First Baptist Church in Newton's application to the Community Preservation Program for the restoration of the church's iconic bell tower.

As you know, the First Baptist Church building—the church's third building since its founding in 1780—is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and appears in Newton's inventory of important historic resources. The 1889 *King's History of Newton* called the church building “the pride of the village.” Its “America Tower” visually defines Newton Centre, and has done since it was completed in 1888. Newton was then in the midst of a building boom, and the architectural landscape surrounding First Baptist Church would change radically in the decades that followed, as new streets were laid out and new houses built to accommodate a ballooning population. The church tower—a literal “high point” of the village—served as a point of orientation and continuity, and it continues to do so today.

The planned restoration will have effects beyond the tower itself, to include the church's sanctuary, which had to be closed because of structural problems resulting from the bell tower's disrepair. Newtonians benefit from the preservation of the city's historic architecture.

Together with the Community Preservation Committee, Newton's Historic District Commissions, and others, Historic Newton works hard to educate about and preserve Newton's historic places. We support First Baptist Church's determination to save such a prominent, long-lived, and meaningful structure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Dady".

Lisa S. Dady
Executive Director

the Jameson Singers

Kevin Leong
Music Director

Leadership Team

Lisa Rucinski
President

Susan Emmanouilidis
Vice President

Valerie Gibson
Treasurer

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City of Newton Planning & Development Department
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Newton, MA 02459

May 22, 2024

Re: First Baptist Church in Newton CPA Grant Application

To Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing to you to express Jameson Singers' strong support for the First Baptist Church application to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA matching grant. We support the full amount requested. These funds are vital to the Church's comprehensive campaign to restore its historic Bell Tower and re-open the facility to the community.

Not only is First Baptist Church a treasured architectural landmark, it is an essential community resource. As a medium/large size chorus (75 singers), we are aware of the lack of larger performance spaces in the greater Boston area. With main Sanctuary seating for 600 and unimpeded sight lines to the 50-foot wide stage, First Baptist is ideal for larger performing groups like Jameson Singers. Additionally, the church's proximity to parking, public transportation, and restaurants makes it attractive to our singers and audience alike.

This project to repair the structural condition of the magnificent Bell Tower, a significant architectural resource, and enabling full community use of the Sanctuary is most worthy of CPA funding.

Jameson Singers would be honored to perform at First Baptist once the Bell Tower has been rebuilt and the Sanctuary is able to welcome performers and audiences. The space is stunning visually and acoustically, a very rewarding venue for performances.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

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Jameson Singers

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Community Preservation Committee
c/o Mollie Hutchings
Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton Planning & Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

June 4, 2024

Re: First Baptist Church in Newton CPA Grant Application

To Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing to you today as an architect, as the chairman of one of Newton's local Historic District Commissions, and as a 19-year resident of Newton with a deep interest in the preservation of our historic resources, to express my strong support for the First Baptist Church application to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA matching grant. These funds are vital to underpin the Church's comprehensive campaign to restore its historic Bell Tower and re-open the facility to the community.

I have first-hand professional experience with the restoration of other landmark bell towers from this era and am thus able to appreciate the unique architectural characteristics of this structure, as well as the historical role it has played at the corner of Beacon & Centre Streets for 136 years. The loss of the tower, if not stabilized, would be an irreplaceable one for the City.

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The tower's dire structural condition has forced the closure of the Church's front entry and curtailed community use of the Sanctuary. Between the architectural significance of the Bell Tower and the importance of the building to the community, this project is most worthy of CPA funding, and I would urge you to please grant the full amount that has been requested.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.



Peter Vieira, Fellow of the American Institute of Architects
Principal, Payette, 2019 American Institute of Architects Firm Award
Chairman, Chestnut Hill Historic District Commission

Cc: The Reverend Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton

Jon Linker
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May 23, 2024

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Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Jon Linker

Cc: The Reverend Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton

Preserving First Baptist Church

Sarah Seeber <sarahjseeber@gmail.com>

Fri 5/31/2024 6:57 AM

To: Mollie Hutchings <mhutchings@newtonma.gov>

Cc: Scott <sbaquilina@gmail.com>; minister@fbcnewton.org <minister@fbcnewton.org>

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To Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

As a Newton resident, I am writing to you to express my strong support, and the strong support of my organization, The Highland Glee Club of Newton (www.highlandgleeclub.com) for the First Baptist Church application to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA matching grant. The church sanctuary is, for us, an important performance venue --the only one of its size and acoustics in the city. As such, it is absolutely crucial to the cultural life of Newton.

I support the full amount requested. These funds are vital to underpin the Church's comprehensive campaign to restore its historic Bell Tower and re-open the facility to the community.

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Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Sincerely,

Sarah Robinson Seeber
Music Director
Highland Glee Club of Newton

Cc: The Reverend Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton

Please forward to CPC members for July 9th meeting

Maria Scibelli Greenberg <msgreenberg@newtonma.gov>

Mon 7/8/2024 10:26 PM

To: Mollie Hutchings <mhutchings@newtonma.gov>

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

I am writing in full support of the First Baptist Church's application for CPA matching funds to restore its historic Bell Tower and sanctuary.

The First Baptist Church is an iconic, historical landmark in Newton Center that must be preserved. In the face of an overwhelmingly homogenization of our city's residential and commercial development it is crucial that our historic buildings be protected and cared for.

They offer a sense of place, history and community cohesiveness.

We can see such positive outcomes with the recent restoration of the Grace Church tower that was partially funded with CPA funds.

First Baptist Church is not only a treasured landmark but an essential community gathering place for a variety of cultural, educational and artistic events. All of which would be in jeopardy if the restoration is not funded.

So, again I urge the CPC to approve the funding of this worthy project.

Sincerely,

Maria Scibelli Greenberg (she/her)

Newton Ward 1 City Councilor

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The Massachusetts Secretary of State has determined that most email is public record and therefore cannot be kept confidential.

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Community Preservation Committee
c/o Mollie Hutchings
Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton Planning & Development Department
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Newton, MA 02459

May 28, 2024

Re: First Baptist Church in Newton CPA Grant Application

To Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I have lived in the City of Newton forty nine years and because I have appreciated the historic fabric of the city and wish to preserve it, I have been serving on the Auburndale Local Historic District Commission. Working with Goody Clancy and Associates for 35 years, we were involved with the historic preservation of many significant buildings including Trinity Church in Boston.

I am writing to you to express my strong support for the First Baptist Church application to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA matching grant. I support the full amount requested. These funds are vital to underpin the Church's comprehensive campaign to restore its historic Bell Tower and re-open the facility to the community.

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Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Paul H. Dudek

Cc: The Reverend Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton

June 1, 2024

Community Preservation Committee
c/o Mollie Hutchings, Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton Planning and Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Hutchings,

I am writing on behalf of the 60 + members of Commonwealth Chorale, preciously known as the Newton Choral Society from 1976 until 2016.

We ardently support First Baptist Church's application to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA matching grant to restore the bell tower thus making the sanctuary usable. First Baptist Church is an exceptionally important community resource, and the closure of the sanctuary impacts not only the church, its members, and many church based activities, it also impacts those of us in the local and regional performing arts communities who are struggling to find viable performance venues.

We moved our weekly rehearsals from the Eliot Church to the chapel at First Baptist Church because of its location, access to public transportation, the flexibility of the chapel space, and its excellent rehearsal acoustics. At the same time, we envisioned the sanctuary as an ideal future performance venue since the sanctuary can accommodate a choral performance with 60 + members and accompanying orchestra. Community and regional choral groups and orchestras struggle to find viable performance venues that provide the benefits of First Baptist Church such as location, history, beauty, access to public transportation, and affordability.

This venerable church, listed on the National Register of historic places, has the potential to support the community in numerous important ways. In this time of healing and recovery from the isolation and devastation of the pandemic, to repair and reinvigorate a historic and beautiful church feels vital.

Thank you for your important preservation work,

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First Baptist Church

Mike Nogrady <noggin31@gmail.com>

Mon 6/3/2024 10:13 AM

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Cc: sbaquilina@gmail.com <sbaquilina@gmail.com>

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Hi,

As a chorister I know how important FBC is as a community performance space and how sorely its unavailability has affected the musical arts in Newton. There's really no other like it for the combination of capacity, acoustics and, of course, beauty. This, added to its profound architectural significance and prominent location make it an ideal candidate for any restoration funding the city can provide.

Mike Nogrady,
31 Fisher Av.,
Newton

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Mike



July 8, 2024

New Philharmonia Orchestra
35 Webster Street
West Newton, MA 02465
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Community Preservation Committee
c/o Mollie Hutchings, Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton Planning & Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: First Baptist Church in Newton CPA Grant Application

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing you today, in the better late than never reality, wearing two hats as you address the First Baptist Church's (FBC) application for funding. To some of you I am no stranger. I was the primary contact and presenter for the Newton Cultural Alliance's applications for restoration funding of the Nathaniel Allen House presented to you beginning in 2014 and finishing in 2020. NCA is eternally grateful to the CPA for their unwavering support of this project which has turned into a gem of a small rehearsal, performance and office/meeting space for some of Newton's most outstanding arts organizations. Thank you so very much for your support in those times. Truly without this support this 9 year/\$8M effort would not have come to life!

My writing today is to support the FBC application for tower restoration funding. FBC represents to me the core of my passion and efforts over several decades to build the arts and culture community in Newton – in this case, at FBC and through my involvement with New Philharmonia Orchestra, Newton's symphony orchestra. New Phil was rehearsing and performing at FBC from 1997 until Covid closed the doors, followed by the tower collapse. The photos of the orchestra and the dancers seen in the FBC brochure are of our performances. New Phil was a staple of the offerings at FBC for more than 20 years, rehearsing weekly, 40+ weeks a year and presenting as many as 12 performances in this beautiful building each year. Our last performance at FBC was in early March 2020 when we performed Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" to a sold-out crowd of joyous young people and their families and with Mayor Ruthanne Fuller as narrator. Sadly, since that time, due to the reality that there are no other adequate facilities of the size of FBC available in Newton other than the NNHS auditorium which is booked consistently for their outstanding theater program, New Phil has not been able to mount any performances of this magnitude. Clearly live orchestral music in the heart of the city had a good run for 20+ years. Hopefully that will continue before too long.

For me bringing the arts to the community is not just about the creative opportunity but it is also about building community. Through easy access to public transportation in Newton Center New Phil was able to bring audiences and players to the orchestra's performances. And, through the great economic offerings in Newton Center for coffee, ice cream, dinner, wine – whatever you like – our audiences were able to enjoy a full experience right in their own community and support local businesses at the same time. This village has unique offerings to our community – to say nothing of the landmark beauty of the tower – a hallmark of a "view of Newton".

In closing, thank you for considering this application and in advance for your support.

Regards,

Adrienne Hartzell Knudsen
For New Philharmonia Orchestra and the Newton Cultural Alliance

Margaret Angelini
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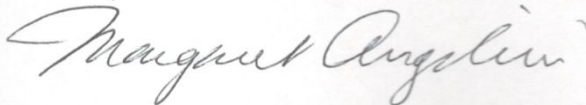
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The America Tower is important not only for its architectural presence, but also for the 11 bells that until recently were housed there. They were cast by the Meneeley firm in Watervliet, New York, which is well known by bell lovers as a creator of beautifully tuned bells. Returning the bells to the tower is integral to its restoration, as the bells are the voice of the tower. With these beautiful bells back in place in a fully restored tower, First Baptist Church will be able to serve Newton Center musically, both indoors and out.

Thank you in advance for your support of this project.



Cc: The Reverend Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton

Margaret Angelini
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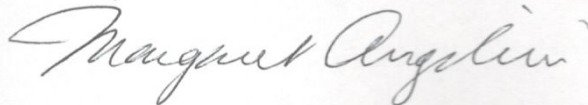
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Cc: The Reverend Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton

First Baptist Church CPA Grant Application

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Tue 5/28/2024 11:36 AM

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May 29, 2024

Re; First Baptist Church in Newton CPA Grant Application

We are writing to express the strong Support of the Newton Community Chorus (NCC) for the First Baptist Church's application to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA matching grant. We support the full amount requested. The funds are vital to enable the Church's comprehensive campaign to restore the historic Bell Tower and re-open the facility to the community.

For many years prior to COVID and the 2022 closure of the entrance and sanctuary, the Chorus has used FBC as our preferred concert venue. Its centrality in Newton, access to both ample parking and public transportation, as well as its capacity, acoustics, flexibility for staging and other factors make it an ideal venue for the NCC and other performing non-profits.

The Newton Community Chorus is entering its 43rd year, and was begun by a music teacher in the Newton schools. Our current director, who has led us for 26 years was a long-time teacher at Newton North. Most of our membership lives in Newton, although we are not limited to Newton residents.

Since its closure, we have had to search and use other churches in Newton, but none has the kind of capacity, ease of use and accessibility as FBC. While the NCC has kept to venues in Newton, we do know that some other performing organizations that have used FBC in the past have instead used locations outside of Newton, a loss to the artistic and cultural life of the City.

FBC's location, close to shops and restaurants, also helps other local businesses as well; audiences and our members often frequent local restaurants after concerts for meals and gathering. The proximity, number and variety of these services makes FBC a very attractive location for a wide range of participants and patrons. Some of the locations we have used in the past two years have limited parking and transportation options, and our audiences often crowd neighborhood streets beyond their normal use.

Lastly, we believe FBC is a city treasure—an historic site both for its architectural significance and historic impact. As a site on the National Register of Historic Places, the building and the congregation are important pieces of the past growth and development of the City of Newton. The congregation was one of the first Baptist congregations established in Massachusetts. The building, designed by John Lyman Faxon—a major architect in Boston and beyond—opened in 1888, and is one of the finest examples of late Victorian American architectural period.

Surely given the architectural significance of the Bell Tower and the importance of the building and the congregation to the City of Newton's past and present, we believe it is plain that this project is most worthy of CPA funding. Thank you in advance for your support of this project.

Sincerely,
Jim Ball & Craig Stewart, Co-Presidents, Newton Community Vhorus

CC: The Reverand Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton



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Sincerely,

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Elizabeth T. Black

Cc: The Reverend Jana Yeaton, First Baptist Church in Newton