

Newton Cultural Alliance

1301 Centre Street

Newton, MA 02459

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Community Preservation Committee
c/o Alice Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager
Newton Planning and Development Department
City Hall, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

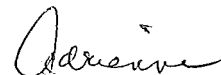
Re: Nathaniel Allen Homestead, 35 Webster Street, West Newton

Dear Alice and Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

The Newton Cultural Alliance is represented this evening, for our Final Report on the \$300,000 allocation for Phase I of renovations to the Nathaniel Allen Homestead, by Donald Lang, our architect and design consultant. I deeply regret that a commitment made 10 months ago prevents me from being with you this evening. We are delighted to report that Phase I renovations are substantially complete and we look forward to being in touch very soon to invite you to the property to see for yourselves the progress we have made. We will also be scheduling a community open house within the next few weeks. Our hope is that with some community financial and sweat equity during the summer that we will be able to begin to have tenants; office and program use, beginning September 1.

Looking to the future, this letter is to let you know that the NCA would like to appear before you at your September 10, 2015 meeting to discuss the next stage of renovations for this property, which as noted in February has deteriorated significantly since we took ownership in November 2012. We will have at that time a presentation that will include an analysis of our needs and hopes for the next phase which will need to be significantly larger than Phase I as well as a business plan for 2015-16 use and a business plan and long term budget for post Phase II use. We are looking at additional sources of funding, business planning, schedules and a variety of options for how we may best continue to use the property and accomplish the needed work at the same time.

Very truly yours,



Adrienne Hartzell
Managing Director