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NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

 at The Jackson Homestead

*Headquartered at
The Newton
History Museum*

Alice Ingerson
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Dear Alice,

I am writing to update you on the progress that the Newton Historical Society has made on the Durant-Kenrick project. The project, as described in the CPA application of October, 2006, was formally commenced by the Society in the summer of 2008. Some key achievements in the commencement of the project are listed below. The Society has:

- Created a committee to outline, sequence, and help implement a step by step plan to acquire the Durant-Kenrick Homestead.
- Met with the City Planning Department to review the project and to obtain guidance for filing of permits, approvals, etc.
- Authorized the expenditure of funds for the purpose of finalizing the design and engineering phase of the project.
- Commissioned and received an updated cost estimate for the project from its consulting architects.
- Retained the services of our consulting architects to facilitate filing of zoning and permitting documents.
- Retained the services of a landscape architect to provide input into site plan preparation and to develop and interpretive design for the property and adjacent lot.
- Retained a fundraising consultant on a continuing basis as we move into the public phase of our capital campaign.
- Received commitments of funding from private donors and foundations totaling \$928,350 for the project (as of August 11, 2009). This is \$28,350 in excess of the \$900,000 we were required to raise to begin the process of releasing the CPA grant of \$2.71 M to the Newton Historical Society as outlined in Board of Alderman Orders 120-07 and 120-07(2).

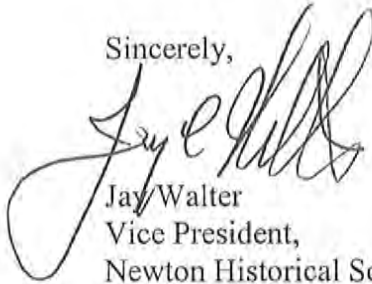
Newton Historical Society to CPC,
re: Durant-Kenrick fundraising

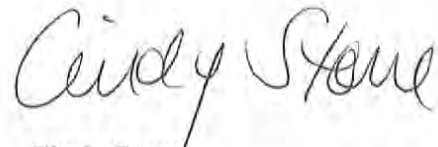
The funding comes to us from the following sources:

Joint Board of the Newton History Museum	\$341,185
Massachusetts Cultural Facilities Fund	218,000
Francis Dewing Foundation	210,000
Avery Family	127,000
Other Gifts	<u>32,165</u>
Total	\$928,350

The above sum does not include gifts received prior to the CPA challenge

The Society is moving forward aggressively with its fundraising efforts, which will continue into 2010. Over the next several months we will finalize the outstanding details of the project and plan to file the permitting and zoning documents as soon as practical after the first of the year. Once these are in place and we have taken formal possession of the property we will commence construction with the assistance of the CPA funds.

Sincerely,

Jay Walter
Vice President,
Newton Historical Society


Cindy Stone
Executive Director,
Newton Historical Society

*Copy to: Michael Kruse, Director of Planning and Development, Joyce Moss,
chair Community Preservation Committee*