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Candace Havens  
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Newton City Hall  
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Re: Durant Kenrick Homestead

Dear Candace:

As you know, as part of its recommendation to the Board of Aldermen of the City of Newton regarding funding for the Durant Kenrick Homestead Project, the Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") recommended a term be incorporated into the Funding Agreement between the City and the Newton Historical Society that the Project "be complete no later than four years after appropriation of CPA funds unless the grant recipient receives an extension of time from the Director of Planning and Community Development." CPA funds were appropriated in June and August 2007, requiring Project completion by August 2011 at the latest.

The purpose of this letter is to request from you, as the Director of Planning and Community Development, an extension of the completion date for the Project until December 31, 2012.

The Newton Historical Society has made substantial progress in moving the Durant Kenrick Homestead Project forward. We have over the past several years raised a total of \$1,785,765 for Project purposes, exclusive of funds to be received from CPC. Ann Beha Architects are in the process of developing design documents. Our landscape architect has substantially completed her plans for landscaping in the areas around the building and for the adjoining vacant parcel. We have received from the Board of Aldermen all necessary zoning relief and waivers from the Massachusetts State Building Code, and we are in the process of satisfying the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board with respect to their requirements. In addition, we have received from the Newton Historical Commission their informal approval of our plans. We anticipate seeking formal approval after we have taken possession of the Homestead and have negotiated a final historic preservation restriction with the City and the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The terms of the restriction have been substantially agreed upon, and we are in the process of finalizing the document. We anticipate in engaging a contractor and starting construction in approximately September of this year. If we are able to commence construction in September, we should be able to complete the Project by the end of 2012.

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We are in the process of negotiating a funding agreement with the City. The Agreement will contain a provision requiring completion of the Project within four years of the appropriation of the CPA funds. The Society believes that prior to execution of the Agreement it is appropriate to attach to the Agreement as an Addendum any extension granted by your office to the time within which the Project is required to be completed.

Accordingly, we request an extension until December 31, 2012 for the completion of the Project. If there is additional information that you require in your consideration of this request, please feel free to contact the undersigned.

Very truly yours,



Cynthia Stone, Executive Director  
Newton Historical Society, Inc.

CC: Peter Terris, Alice Ingerson, Brooke Lipsitt