

Earlier Letters of Support (2004-2007) for feasibility studies for the preservation and restoration of Farlow and Chaffin Parks. These letters may be found at following websites:

<http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/53908>

<http://www.newtonma.gov/civicax/filebank/documents/40120>

Here is a list of names of individuals who have provided letters of support:

David Cohen, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue, Newton

Brooke Lipsitt, 36, Billings Park, Newton

Marcia Johnson, Alderman at Large, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue

Rev. Miriam C. Gelfer, Grace Episcopal Church, 76 Eldredge Street, Newton

John C. Clark Jr. Moderator of the Eliot Church of Newton

Rev. Robert K. Perkins, Newton Presbyterian Church, 75 Vernon Street. Newton

Nathan Gibson, 101 Vernon Street. Newton, MA

Ann MacKay, Presbyterian Church Nursery School, Newton

Gretchen Hunt and Sharon Cronin, Directors, Parkside Pre-School, 474 Centre Street
Newton

Kathy Glick-Weil, Newton Free Library director, 330 Homer Street, Newton

Christen Bergeron, Executive Director of Evans Park, A community of Senior
Citizens, 430 Centre Street, Newton

Janet Sterman, 120 Church Street, Newton

Richard Belkin, Thomas Coan, co-chairs, Newton Corner Neighborhood Association
474 Centre Street, Newton

Daniel and Laura Schaw, 16 Church Street, Newton

Katherin Nimkin and Khether Raby, 93 Eldredge Street, Newton, MA

Clarissa Allen and Roger Allen, Park Street, Newton

Peter Dimond, President, Newton Historical Society at The Jackson Homestead, 527
Washington, Street, Newton

In addition, at the sites mentioned above, may be found 38 names of individuals (addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses) who have signed a petition supporting the preservation and restoration of Farlow and Chaffin Parks. At the top of the list, the statement reads: "I support the Friends of Farlow Park proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for the restoration of Farlow and Chaffin Park. "

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September 29, 2013

Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager
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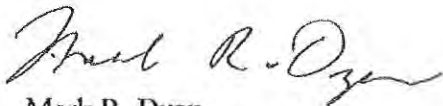
Dear Ms. Ingerson,

We are writing to express our strong support for a pre-proposal currently before your committee, the Farlow Park Pond and Bridge Restoration Project. We have lived directly across the street from Farlow Park since 1987 and, like so many of our neighbors and others who come from further away, use it regularly. The pond and bridge restoration would return the park to its former glory and greatly enhance the beauty and historic significance of this centerpiece of Newton Corner.

We hope the CPC will decide to move ahead with this project.

Thank you.

Yours truly,



Mark R. Dyen



Elsbeth Reisen

cc: Keith Jones, Friends of Farlow Park

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Alice Ingerson
Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton Planning & Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
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Dear Alice,

I am so pleased to see that the Parks & Recreation Department is partnering with Friends of Farlow Park to restore the park. As I understand it the designer of this park also designed Boston's Public Garden. I think that we can all agree that one of the best places to visit is the Public Garden. With the restoration of Farlow Park, we have an opportunity to have a "best" place to visit right here in Newton.

I believe that by restoring the reflecting pond and bridge will enhance the park and its surrounding neighborhood. It will give the children at the Underwood School and Eliot Church a means to increase their appreciation for history and nature.

As I see it, it can only enhance the quality of life for all....there is no down-side!

Sincerely,

Marcia Johnson

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November 12, 2013

Newton Community Preservation

I write to convey my strong support for the project proposed by the Friends of Farlow Park.

Farlow Park is one of the most beautiful parks in the city and one of the very few that preserves the flavor of Newton life in the late nineteenth century.

I recall when this project was first proposed during my tenure as Chair of the Committee on Community Preservation. It was a solid proposal then. But the time and effort expended over the past seven years has made this a truly outstanding proposal.

The strength of the proposal lies in its dual mission. Not only would the park regain its passive recreational use and beauty. It would also regain its place as a truly historical site through a restoration of its original features which reveal the kinds of design elements that are typically seen only in some of the world's finest urban parks.

I very much appreciate your kind consideration of this wonderful and well conceived proposal.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Linsky

Board of Aldermen

2012-2013

City of Newton

September 9, 2013



Leslie Burg, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
Newton City Hall
1000 Commonwealth Ave
Newton, MA 02459

Re: Restoration of Farlow Park Pond and Bridge

Dear Ms. Burg:

I am writing to urge the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to recommend the expenditure of Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding for the Restoration of Farlow Park Pond and Bridge.

Parks & Recreation and The Friends of Farlow Park are applying for \$565,779 for historic preservation purposes in order to restore the naturalistic pond and Adirondack style bridge at Farlow Park in Newton Corner. The original design by Boston architect George Frederick Meacham, who also designed churches, houses and community buildings in Newton, was reminiscent of his most famous work, the Boston Public Gardens in the Back Bay. The Friends of Farlow Park is a group of Newton Corner residents that formed in 2004, and have worked long and hard for seven years to complete this project. They have prepared a thorough proposal that carefully considers construction, operating and maintenance costs, and have committed to forming a citizen's group to perform regular, ongoing maintenance.

The requested CPA funding would be well spent. To date, the CPC has spent \$92,000 for a 2006 landscape restoration report that includes feasibility studies for the bridge and the pond, the digging of an on-site well, a pond safety study, and design and construction documents for restoration of the pond's concrete basin and an irrigation system for the playground. When complete, this project will save the City \$4,000 a year, as the irrigation water source will be switched from the adjacent Underwood School to that of Farlow Park's new well. The use of CPA funds for this purpose is entirely appropriate and consistent with the CPA, as well as Newton's Comprehensive Plan and Open Space Plan. Farlow Park is Newton's first public park, was designated on the National Historic Register as the focal point of the Newton Corner Historic District, and easily satisfies the CPA definition of a historic preservation project. This historic park is an invaluable asset to Newton Corner and the entire community, and ought to be restored to its former grandeur and elegance. Farlow Park is one of the main reasons Newton is known as "The Garden City," and the restored bridge and pond could be used by all for both active and passive recreation.

This historic preservation project is highly worthy of CPA funding, and I strongly urge the members of the Committee to recommend this project to the Board of Aldermen for approval.

Sincerely,

Ted Hess-Mahan, Alderman-at-Large, Ward 3

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JANET J. STERMAN

August 31, 2013

Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Ingerson:

I wanted to reaffirm my commitment and endorsement on the Farlow Park Pond and Bridge Restoration project that is once again before Newton's Community Preservation Committee by the Friends of Farlow Park.

For the last 25 years, I have lived directly across the street from this park and in recent years visit it almost daily. Once known as *Newton Common*, Farlow Park is frequented by adults and children year-round, due to the proximity to several churches, public transportation, and a busy hotel. There is no doubt in my mind this project is a great investment into one of Newton's great historic resources and likely one of the loveliest urban parks in Newton.

As in my letter to this office in 2004, I stand by my commitment to this project and the Friends of Farlow Park.

Sincerely,



Janet Sterman

cc:Keith Jones
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Alice E. Ingerson
Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton, Planning Department
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Dear Ms. Ingerson,

I am writing with my renewed and strong support of the CPC proposal for the historic renovation of Newton Corner's Farlow Park.

In October of 2004, Keith Jones and the Friends of Farlow Park (I was -- and still am a member) sent our first proposal to the CPC on this project. Many of us at that time sent letters in support of the plan. Since then, it has been determined that there is an underground water source for the pond and that the current basin is reusable. The water will also be a source of savings to the City of Newton, since it will supply the sprinkler system at the Underwood School playground.

Back in '04 I was the president of the Underwood PTO and am now a special education aide at the school. You will see in your file that all the local schools support the project.

On September 12, 2013 Keith and the Friends of Farlow Park will go before you and the committee to re-pitch our project. I fully endorse this new push toward acceptance and ask for your support. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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September 8, 2013

Alice Ingerson
Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton Planning & Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Ave.
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Restoration of Farlow Park Pond and Bridge, Newton Corner

Dear Alice,

I'm writing this letter in support of the application to the Community Preservation Program by the Friends of Farlow Park for funding of the restoration of the Park's historic pond and bridge.

As you may recall, I was the city-appointed architect for the exterior of the Newton Corner Branch Library, which received Community Preservation Program funds. This work then drew my volunteer effort in the relocation of the gazebo from the grounds of The Jackson Homestead and restoration by city staff and the preservation carpentry program of the North Bennet Street School. The success of that project received the recognition of a *Newton Preservation Award*.

Farlow Park is an integral element in Newton Corner's public open space, enjoyed by those coming to the Newton Corner Branch Library and the Underwood School as well as neighborhood residents and visitors to the city. Restoring the Park to an updated version of George Frederic Meacham's original design would build on the Community Preservation Program's previous success and would strengthen Newton's reputation as The Garden City.

I have a high regard for the members of the Friends of Farlow Park and am confident that, with your and other city staff support, they will be able to implement the project as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russel Feldman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "R".

54 Kirkstall Road
Newtonville MA 02460
September 9, 2013

Community Preservation Committee
c/o Ms. Alice Ingerson
Community Preservation Program Manger
Newton Planning & Development Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton Centre MA 02459

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Restoration of Farlow Park Pond and Bridge

I am writing to express my support for the application to provide CPA funds for the restoration of the Farlow Park Pond and Bridge. This effort has been underway for more than a decade in recognition of the historic significance of Newton's first public park and to restore its faded beauty.

I found in my files a letter I wrote to your predecessor committee in the 2004 effort to launch this project with CPA assistance. Since that time, I have left Newton Corner and moved to Newtonville, but from time to time I still find myself wandering through Farlow Park, admiring its trees and enjoying the cool respite they offer on a hot summer day. How much more pleasing it would be to be able to admire a cool pond from a restored bridge; how nice, even, to watch children skate there on a winter's afternoon.

It is my understanding that the water system for the pond will also provide irrigation at the abutting Underwood School, providing a financial as well as physical benefit to the City and its citizens.

Please recommend this project for funding by the Board of Aldermen, and help restore this attractive site for the benefit of all the citizens of Newton.

Thank you for your consideration,


Brooke K. Lipsitt

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Sent: Monday, September 9, 2013 8:53:48 AM
Subject: **Restoration of Farlow Park Pond and Bridge**

Dear Alice,

I understand that the CPC will be reviewing the proposal from the Friends of Farlow Park for the restoration of the Farlow Park Pond and Bridge. I am writing to strong support this project.

This neighborhood and community has shown incredible patience, diligence and commitment to the love and care of this park, one of the very few Open Spaces that remains truly accessible by the community at large in this area of Newton.

Besides looking for projects that meet the objectives of the CPA, I know the CPC wants to see proof and evidence of enduring community support and commitment to preserve and maintain the continued effects of the project after the initial seed of CPA money ... and I can only hope the CPC can see it here in this community as demonstrated by the strong and dedicated attention to this project over the years since it's initial conception (which has been nearly 10 years in my having heard about it). This is a dedicated and committed group. With so much history and it's central location in this neighborhood, this park would be an amazing community resource. It seems precisely why we have the CPA funds. I hope the CPC would agree and approve this request.

Thank you and the CPC for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

Greer Tan Swiston
West Newton

When responding, please be aware that the Massachusetts Secretary of State has determined that most email is public record and therefore cannot be kept confidential.

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September 9, 2013

Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Ingerson:

I am writing to reaffirm my commitment and endorsement on the Farlow Park Pond and Bridge Restoration project that is once again before Newton's Community Preservation Committee by the Friends of Farlow Park.

Farlow Park was the City of Newton's first park and *only* City park known to be associated with prominent 19th century architect George Frederick Meacham, designer of the Boston Public Gardens. Completed in 1888 on land donated by philanthropist John Farlow, this was the first space in the City of Newton purely designed for the recreation and enjoyment of the surrounding residential neighborhood. Farlow Park is a unique neighborhood landscape which has retained its historic setting, layout and use. Restoration of this park, pond and bridge will make a significant impact on Newton's historic and open space resources.

Currently, Farlow Park is a popular location - frequented by adults and children year-round, due to the proximity to several churches, public transportation, and the nearby hotel. This project is a great investment into one of Newton's great historic resources and likely one of the loveliest urban parks in Newton.

In October of 2004, Keith Jones and the Friends of Farlow Park sent their first proposal to the CPC on this project. Many of us at that time sent letters in support of the proposal. Since then, it has been successfully determined there is an underground water source for the pond and that the current pond basin is reusable. (I understand that the water source found for filling the pond will also be a source of savings to the City of Newton money for water supply to the sprinkler system at the Underwood School baseball/softball field.)

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely yours,


Beverly Droz


Dear Ms. Ingerson:

September 20, 2013

I am writing a letter of support for the Farlow Park Pond and Bridge Restoration project. I visit this park almost daily and it has been an integral part of our family's life for the past 20 years. I would love to see the park brought back to its former glory.

I stand by my commitment to this project and the Friends of Farlow Park.

Sincerely,



Katherine Nimkin
93 Eldredge St
Newton

Cc:Keith Jones
Friends of Farlow Park

September 12, 2013

Alice E. Ingerson, Community Preservation Program Manager
City of Newton, Planning Department
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Dear Ms. Ingerson:

I am writing to reaffirm my support for the Farlow Park Pond and Bridge Restoration project. I understand that the project is back before the Newton's Community Preservation Committee and a meeting on the matter is scheduled for tonight, September 12, 2013. Unfortunately, I will be unable to attend so would appreciate including my endorsement for the project into the record.

I joined other fellow Friends of Farlow Park several years ago in support of this endeavor when my children were starting school at Underwood Elementary School. They are now attending Newton North. I believed then and do so now more than ever, the importance of pond and bridge restoration for the enjoyment and betterment of the neighborhood and the City as a whole. I ride past both Farlow and the Boston Public Garden (another G. Meachum design) every day and appreciate the importance of such historic open space in the fast changing world.

Please reconsider the merits of this proposal and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jerome Grafe
21 Oakland Street, Newton

cc:Keith Jones
Friends of Farlow Park

September 9, 2013

Dear Newton Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing to you today to confirm my strong support for the proposal from the Friends of Farlow Park seeking funds to restore and improve the historically significant pond and bridge at Farlow Park in Newton Corner. I am a 40 year resident of Newton Corner having lived first on Charlesbank Road and now on Park Street. I am a former co-moderator the Newton Corner Neighborhood Association and I am the current chairman of the Newton Corner Advisory Committee. The latter is a committee of neighborhood residents who makes recommendations as to how to distribute federal HUD funds in our community. It is noteworthy that this committee of neighborhood residents has voted 6 times to help fund this project. Once again we have made a sizable donation to this project given that we too wish to stretch our funds as widely as possible to various deserving projects.

Many individuals in Newton Corner feel as though the blight of the "circle of death" thrust upon our neighborhood at the time of the construction of the turnpike and the little regard city officials have had for addressing this and other local issues makes it appear we are undervalued as a community. Lest it be forgotten, the City of Newton began here, and once was the very hub of commercial, residential, and recreation activity. Farlow Park was the Newton's first public park. Like Boston Public Gardens, which shares a similar design by the exact same architect, George Frederick Meacham, it was once a focal point for the entire city. I urge you to support this worthy project and restore this neglected treasure of a park. By doing so you will not only bring back an important piece of Newton's history but also will provide an indication to the neighborhood, that indeed the City of Newton appreciates and respects our community. Do not hesitate to call me if you desire additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Belkin', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Belkin

Chairman, Newton Corner Advisory Committee

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November 19, 2013 2:42 PM

To: "Keith Jones\aingerson" <keith.mjones@verizon.net>

Cc: Allan L. Ciccone <allancicconejr@comcast.net>

Re: support letter

Hi Alice and Keith,

I apologize for not being able to get this to you before Friday but I was on the road coming back from Chicago and did not have my computer with me. I don't know why my letter earlier didn't make it but I will send this to both of you.

Hi Alice,

I am writing to you about the project Keith Jones is working on with Parks and Rec which includes restoring the pond and bridge at Farlow Park. This project which Keith and his team have been working very hard to put together is the perfect opportunity for folks to enjoy another piece of this valuable park. Because of the costs involved Keith and the group are looking for funding to make this project a reality. Folks of all ages enjoy Farlow Park and personally I think this is a perfect opportunity for the city to join forces with this group to work together and get this project funded. I am a strong supporter of this project and again wish to voice support in funding this opportunity. If I can help in anyway possible please contact me anytime.

All my best,

Jay

Allan L. Ciccone Jr
Chairman, Public Safety

IN SUPPORT OF THE "FRIENDS OF FARLOW PARK" EFFORTS
TO RESTORE, BEAUTIFY AND MAKE USABLE THE
RESOURCES OF HISTORIC FARLOW PARK

I submit this writing in support of the restoration project of the pond in Farlow Park advanced and supported by the Friends of Farlow Park ("Friends") since 2004. I also feel a rebuttal is necessary to any objections to the project I am informed may be advanced once again by some individuals, not because they are without merit but primarily because they have all been repeatedly offered and considered in the past nine years this project has been in existence.

First, I offer some personal background and, second, my rebuttal to the some expected objections that may again be presented.

I am an immediate abutter of Farlow Park and have been now for over 60 years, first as a young visitor to my house since 1947 when it was owned by my grandparents, later as a tenant just after returning from military service in Korea in 1954, and then as its owner since 1960. My wife, Carol, and I settled in our home in 1960. We raised four great children, now all adults and married and with their own children. I had an early interest in the history of Farlow Park while my own children were growing up and always felt the "empty pond area" was such a waste of the park's resource. I always wanted my children to be able to enjoy a renewed pond, not only for its aesthetic appearance but, in particular, for the winter ice skating opportunity I saw it used in my earlier years in the neighborhood. I thought skating would be a beneficial and safe asset that could be enjoyed not only by my own children but their friends and neighborhood children as well. At some point in time the ice skating ceased to take place. In later years there was a time when I felt if a modest voluntary donation of money would at least get the vacant pond area flooded once again for ice skating use, I was prepared to commit personal funds for such an effort. Early inquiries with city departments concerning my gesture were fruitless since I learned there were too many procedural obstacles to overcome apart from just my offer of some dollars.

Even when it became too late for use by own children, I cared enough for the park's future use by other of our city's children, that when I learned a voluntary group of interested citizens named the Friends of Farlow Park was being formed for the purposes I had long envisioned, I quickly associated myself with them. Under the tireless leadership of my neighbor Keith Jones over the past nine years or so, the unwavering mission of the group has persevered throughout that time until now.

The above background may help to understand my comments below not merely as a proponent for the project but as an opponent to many old objections to the project that may be resurrected anew, which has caused my sufficient disappointment as to evoke the need for their further response. In this latter context, consideration must be given to the fact that the restoration project has already received numerous approvals from of our city's committees and departments at different phases of the administrative process and, of even of greater importance, that some of those approvals have resulted in large sums of money being approved and granted by some of those committees and have already been expended for early phases of the project.

It has now been over an unbelievable nine years the Friends of Farlow Park have selflessly devoted countless hours and days during that time to achieve a most commendable goal, the restoration of one of Newton's historic parks. The Friends, each with varying skills and professional backgrounds, have contributed not only their individual expertise but have contacted and consulted with numerous experts concerning all areas of the proposed plan, from the topographic feasibility of the pond construction itself, access to available natural water source, accessibility issues for handicapped to use the bridge over the pond, to various related issues such as, related annual maintenance costs, determinations of each city department's responsibility for its upkeep, its potential attraction to pesky Canadian geese littering the area, and particularly, safety concerns for small children. The latter was always of special concern because of the proposed pond's immediate proximity to an elementary school. Each of these concerns, and many others, were fully and exhaustively considered and were satisfactorily answered on repeated occasions, not just by the Friends of Farlow Park but by the interested local school's PTA, nearby church groups, and local businesses.

Over the past nine years of my involvement with the Friends it seems that with each succeeding year new voices were heard, not raising new objections or legal issues for consideration but repeating the many old objections. One may rightfully ask if these new objectors were present in our neighborhood before, why they failed to raise their objections years or many months earlier. Further, even if any objectors are new to the area, it is also proper to question why they should have the right to undo what has previously taken place in an orderly and lawful manner with the obtaining of city approvals during the previous nine years. Finally, if any objectors have previously raised the same objections in the past, why they persist in re-raising them again at each new opportunity after being aware that all of them have been considered in the past.

Even after various objections to the restoration project were raised before, each was carefully considered by appropriate committees and relevant city departments, phase approvals granted for the project, and large sums of monies, exceeding \$50,000, were approved and have already been expended for this project. If old objections are allowed to be given serious renewed consideration it would clearly undermine, if not invalidate, all previous lawful actions of involved committees and city departments. That cannot be a justifiable result.

Any new objection that might still be raised, practical or legal, would of course be a legitimate matter for consideration. But to allow the same old objections to be raised once again after all the years of the project's existence, even if offered by well meaning objectors who may not be familiar with the nine-year history of the project, I suggest is not only unfair but possibly legally improper. It also not only disrespects all the work and energy of the Friends for so many years, but also seeks to refute the work and approvals of the many city committees and departments involved in the project. For these reasons and comments below, I submit any relevant city group or authority that is asked to consider old objections, has the right, if not the duty, to disregard them outright especially those more familiar ones I specifically address in rebuttal below.

Repetitive objections, although likely advanced by well meaning individuals, either fail to realize they have all been proffered and addressed in years past, or simply choose to ignore that fact and persist in their reintroduction at every opportunity, and sadly in my view, only to see if they can stubbornly stymie the restoration project to satisfy their own personal agendas. These same individuals seem to ignore the fact that the project is being sponsored by an equally concerned group of diverse and responsible citizens, with families and children, some who may have had the same concerns of the objectors. But they long ago resolved and answered all the old objections, not only for themselves, but for the various committees and departments that also had to consider them. The Friends of Farlow Park feel it inappropriate and unnecessary to have old objections repeated once more. They have sincerely believed throughout the past nine years of dedicated commitment to the project they have acted responsibly for a worthy cause and their efforts were for the greater common benefit of our community.

REBUTTAL COMMENTS TO RENEWAL OF OLD OBJECTIONS

In addition to the foregoing comments courtesy suggests that an attempt at least be made to provide a more detailed response to some expected renewals of old objections, which I address below in seriatim fashion.

Harmful Bacteria: That issue is an non-issue. Why deprive the entire community of citizens and children because of a few dogs, whose masters fail to follow the "pick-up-the- poop" rule. Why should dogs have a priority of the park's use over that of its citizens and children. Better yet, why not just ban dogs from the park altogether, at least for the non poop-picker-up group. The carelessness of some pet owners should not deter the parks use by the larger community.

Danger to Toddlers: As one objector has noted, the Consumer Product Safety Commission has stated that a child could drown in one inch of water, but that was water in the child's home, and was referencing a bathtub or a bucket of water relating mostly to infants, and then most likely because the parent was inattentive. To intelligently argue the "one inch" criteria as an objection outside the home would also suggest we would have to keep children away even from all rain puddles that form in our streets on a frequent basis. This objection would appear to suggest that we drain every public pond in our city, including the one adjacent to our City Hall. There is obvious potential danger to toddlers whenever they leave the confines of their homes, including in their own backyards, parking lots, private pools, street traffic, etc. At some point, however, each parent or custodian must assume his/her child's safety when in an outdoor environment.

Supervision of Pond and Park: A public park outdoors is not a child care center requiring anyone else's supervision, or that of the city fathers, but only that of the child's parents or custodians. As to the cost factor, that issue been addressed many times before and quite successfully so that large sums of monies have already been granted and expended for the park restoration project, making it appear that the authors of this complaint have no awareness of that fact, or of the fact that special monies are specifically designated and granted for just this type of a project as to not cause any increase tax burden to the community.

Proposed Additional Fencing: This objection only assumes a fence was to be required as part of the restoration project and essentially hints again at the toddle safety issue. To my knowledge the plan never required a fencing to begin with so no added unsightliness will occur, assuming even that a fence would necessarily be unsightly. As to the potential safety issue, once again can anyone validly argue against the fact that parents or custodians always have as their primary responsibility to watch and care for their small children when in public places. Such potential dangers are always present in every traffic area, shopping parking lot, buildings with escalators, beaches, etc., each demanding a grown up to care for their child's safety.

Traffic and Parking: The only existing parking problem I have noticed in the past 60 odd years or so in my neighborhood, is when non-area residents park their cars around Farlow Park and then take public transportation into Boston or elsewhere allowing them to remain there all day. That will not change with or without the park's restoration project. The traffic and parking issue certainly require attention for many reasons but not at the expense of denying efforts for the park's restoration. And should the time come that cars are parked there to enjoy the park, with or without the pond, they should be welcomed.

Many of the cited complaints above appear to clearly focus as its central theme child safety concerns. Any reasonable objection, especially those regarding safety issues, are properly made. However, after all the board meetings that have taken place with a multitude of approvals at each step of the process, I feel it is abundantly fair to ask if all of these same objections, including child safety, that have already been raised and repeatedly addressed over so many months and years in the past, why they should now be given any greater efficacy today than before.

For all the foregoing reasons, renewal of old objections should not be considered. To allow their consideration at this late stage would have the effect of nullifying all previous lawful decisions and actions of all city committees and departments that approved each phase of the restoration project to date.

Lastly, in a legal forum, once facts are presented, issues argued and considered, decisions made, and approvals granted in support of a particular project, by authorized governmental bodies, with funds already having been duly appropriated and expended, objectors to that activity are not entitled to get a second, third, ore more, bites of the proverbial apple unless they can cite some violation of a law, rule or regulation, that occurred during that process, or that some fundamental individual rights may have been violated. I submit that none exist in the case of the restoration project sponsored by the Friends of Farlow Park.

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February 13, 2014

Alice Ingerson
Community Preservation Program Manager
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Dear Alice:

I am writing on behalf of Historic Newton in support of a proposal before the CPC for the restoration and rehabilitation of Farlow Park and adjacent Claflin Park in Newton Corner, submitted by the Friends of Farlow Park. At its last meeting on January 16, 2014 the Executive Committee of Historic Newton voted on behalf of our organization to support to this worthy project.

As past recipients of Community Preservation funds we are acutely aware of the importance of such funding not just in its own right, but also as a validation of the project, which is central to attracting donations from the community.

The Farlow Park project will enhance, beautify and restore one of the gems of the City's park system. Being less than a mile from the CPC funded Durant-Kenrick House and Grounds, the project adds to the historic character and beauty of one the oldest parts of Newton.

As stewards of the historic fabric of our city we hope that the CPC will look favorably on this worthy project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carl M. Cohen", with a long, sweeping underline.

Carl M. Cohen
President
Historic Newton

cc. Keith Jones, Friends of Farlow Park

JACKSON HOMESTEAD AND MUSEUM
DURANT-KENRICK HOUSE AND GROUNDS
HISTORIC BURYING GROUNDS PRESERVATION
NEWTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

From: Maureen O'Hare Mercer <senseables@gmail.com>
Subject: **CPC letter (please forward) in support of Farlow Park proposal**
Date: March 9, 2014 at 7:16:20 PM EDT
To: Keith Jones <keith.mjones@verizon.net>

Dear Alice and CPC Members,

Allow me to introduce myself ,

I am a 32 year resident of the Hunnewell Hills neighborhood in Newton corner and the former chairperson of the Underwood Playground & Beautification Committee. I had all three of my children attend Underwood in the 1990's .

Way back then, we started the outdoor classroom and salvaged the stones from the Old Library to preserve the capstone of Newton Corner. We were able to attract a former Underwood student (then a grown man) who did the stone carvings on Vernon Street as his legacy to the school project of the early 90's.

It was the intention of that committee and the parents of that generation to complete our restoration vision by beginning the " Bring Back the Bridge" sentiment . From those many volunteer years grew " The Friends of Farlow Park ". It has been a long and arduous volunteer time waiting for all parties to be aligned under the idea that the bridge should be an architecturally significant restoration and not a "chain link eyesore " on such an esteemed piece of Newton green space. The longstanding childhood neighbors remember ice skating at Farlow as children and hope to see their grandchildren enjoy this transformative aspect of the park .The MacGillvray family of Maple Terrace was my original source for that anecdote, although there are others !

My professional background is twofold,

I am the Principal Owner of a design firm which specializes in architectural finishes including repurposing period pieces onto structures as well as a niche business of consulting on historic colors. I have done consulting all over the city on various residential facades as well as commercial properties. I designed the sign at the now multipurpose Church (formerly the Greek Orthodox Church) on Center Street as well as consulting on interior work at the Presbyterian Church .

I know many of these abutting churches enjoy picnics in Farlow Park and would be thrilled to see this project come to fruition . My other professionally relevant work is in fundraising . While being a Board Member at these various entities I have chaired auctions at Underwood , the YMCA and the Fessenden School raising over a million dollars in my lifetime for building projects which benefited the children of Newton . Lastly , I have been teaching Learning by Design at the Cabot School for over five years . I know those parents to be extremely excited about having such an attractive feature in their own back yards .

My greatest hope is that this generation of Cabot and Underwood parents will see it realized for their youngsters to enjoy before they go off into the world as mine now have .

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen O'Hare Mercer
173 Oakleigh Road
Newton , MA.02458
617-285-8525

FARLOW PARK POND RESTORATION AND BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION

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Date	Name	Address	Email Address
11/2/2013	Joan Mullen	83 Pembroke St. Newton, MA 02458	<p style="color: red;">Note: This petition did not include a request for permission to publish email addresses or phone numbers. CPC staff have therefore redacted this information on all copies of the petition posted online or distributed electronically.</p>
	Joan Mullen		
11/2/2013	Anne Swager	18 Copley St Newton MA 02	
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11/2/2013	Timothy M. Swager	18 Copley St.	
	Timothy M Swager		
11/11/2013	Celia Fred Mowbray	78 Nonantum St.	
11/11/2013	Yvonne [unclear]	78 Nonantum Street, Newton, MA	
11/12/13	Kathryn [unclear]	60 Pembroke St	
11/12/13	Stephen Linsky	9 Simpson Terr Newton, MA 02460	
11/12/13	Jan A. [unclear]	19 Loring St Newton 02459	
11/12/13	Marilyn [unclear]	64 Nonantum St., Newton	

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Marc deLong	88 Grosvenor St		10/31/13	
Matthew Kane	14 Maple Ave		10/21/13	
JESSE SARZINA	22 MITCHELL RD		10/31/13	
Ana Lee	62 Bennington St. Newton		10/31/13	
Yan Wang	12 Baldwin str. Newton		10/31/13	
CYBILL GOLDBERG	284 FRANKLIN ST		10/31/13	
Devis Bradhead	44 Jameson Rd Newton		10/30/13	
Loufanq	61 Saint James cir		10/31/13	
Julia Talcott	74 Elmhurst Rd		10/31/13	
James Neigs	" "		"	
Janelle Ash	170 Oakdale Ave		10/31/13	
Tom Keash	" "		"	
Jennifer Parsons	165 Howard Ave		11/12/13	
David Parsons	" "		"	

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Ellen Gibson	41 Vernon St	617	0/27	
ALAN CICCONE JR	22 West St	617	0/27	
Alan Ciccone	20 West St	617	0/27	Alan
Nathan Gibson	41 Vernon St	617	0/27	Nathan
David Young	117 Vernon St.	617	11/1	KSK
KEVIN Young	117 Vernon St.	617	11/1	KKY
Lillie Rundlett	62 Maple St.	617	11/1	LRU
Doug Knotts	68 Boyd St.	617	11/1	D
Paula Knotts	68 Boyd St	617	11/2	P
Debbiez ETHIER	211 Church St	617	11/2	
RAE ETHIER	211 Church St	617	11/2	
STUART Schacher	183 Langley Road	617	11/4	
Gitty Schacher	183 Langley Rd	617	11/4	
Alison Kirby Jones	109 Vernon St.	617	11/4	
Fenny Finch	153 Windsor Rd.,	617	8 NOV.	

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LINDA TRAY	169 WASH ST		10/31	
Jan Juste	134 Hunnewell Ave			
Emileigh Mercer	173 Oakleigh Rd		10/31/13	
Jennifer Greenberg	30 Channing St.		10/31/13	
Sonya Tambalopoulos	50 Whittemore Rd.		10/31/13	
Iliyana Draginova	25 Pond street		10/31/13	
Anelija Grossanova	9 CURRER RD.			
Opdi VHO	44 Troubridge Ave		10/31/13	
Edwin McLean	142 HUNNEWELL AVE		10/31/13	
Heather Mams	13 Harvard Rd Bel		10/31	
Regina Cati	118 Hunnewell Ave		10/31	
Paul Mannila	62 PLAYSTEAD RD		10/31/13	
Elizabeth Gagnon	26 Maple Ave Newton		10/31/13	
Bennie Chase	32 Maple Ave Newton		10/31/13	
Annett Mercer	173 Oakleigh Rd		11/12/13	

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Mary Mitchell	4 Allston St.	617	10/28/13	
Alice Holstein	106 Shorncliffe Rd.		10/28/13	
Robert Gent	51 Claremont St		10/29/13	
Angela Gerst	51 Claremont St.		11/4/13	
Anita Greenbaum	92 Langdon St.		11/4/13	

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Stephen J STEFAN	21 Waverley	[redacted]	11/1/13 9907	
Marilyn Valles	25 Whittamore Rd Newton MA		617	[redacted]
Lawrence Valles	25 Whittamore Rd Newton MA			[redacted]
Brooke Hegarty	19 Whittamore rd Newton, MA			[redacted]
ANGELA HEARY	18 Whittamore Rd. Newton MA			[redacted]
MELINDA SCRIME	63 Playstead Rd., Newton, MA			[redacted]
Karen Williamson	62 Playstead Rd, Newton, MA		7	[redacted]
Stephen Grant & Allyson Glaser	24 Whittamore Rd. Newton, MA			[redacted]
Daniel Scales	31 Whittamore Road, Newton, MA 02458			[redacted]
RICHARD FLYNN	38 WHITTEMORE RD - NEWTON, MA 02458		11/1/13	[redacted]
Stephen Casentini	11 Waverley Ave Newton 02458		11/2/13 Ric	[redacted]
Max Goldsmith	3 Waverley Ave, Newton 02458		11/3/13 S	[redacted]
Walter Nathans	31 Waverley Ave, Newton 02458		-8057 11/3/13	[redacted]
Walter Nathans	31 Waverley Ave Newton 02458		607	[redacted]
Alice Schaefer	27 Waverly Ave, Newton, MA		11/4/2013 puppet	[redacted]
Julia D'Amico	27 Waverly Ave, Newton MA		11/10/2013 Edal2	[redacted]
Fred Datzell				[redacted]

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Debra Blum	573 Oak Rd		11-5-13	
Tina Flinn	15 LINCOLN RD		11-5-13	
Alison Leary	192 Chapel St		11/5/13	
Anthony Mazzoni	27 COUNCIL AVE		11/5/13	
Joe F. Mangola	27 Colonial Ave		11/5/13	
Steph Valenzano	10 Colonial Ave		11/5/13	
Mike Kocou	Old Meade St		11/5/13	
Joe A. Mendonça	27 Bridge		11/5/13	
Gregory J. Del	487 Waterbury St		11/5/13	
J.C. Christian	119 JEWETT ST		11/5/13	
Orlando K. Knottwood	24 Buckeye St		11/5/13	
Geoffrey Epstein	67 ANNINGTON ST #2		11/5/13	
Molly Ryan	21 Avery Path		11/5/13	
BRUCE HENDERSON	52 Vaughn Ave		11/5/13	

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Lou Charles	61 N. Gate Rk		3/6/4	
Allan Ciccone	20 West St			
Gil Galvanthony	11 Tamarac Rd		11/3/13	
Don Mountain	117 Tamarac Rd		11/3/13	
Thomas F. Conner	30 Kodaya Rd.		986 11/13/13	
Will D. Hall	32 Oak St Rd		11/3/13	
Bob Doherty	18 Elmhurst Rd.		11-3-13	
Genia McDermough	18 Elmhurst Rd		11-3-13	
Laura M. Tobey	16 Penn Park St		11/3/13	
Priscilla Stanley	11 KIMBALL TERR		11/3/13	
Ralph M Stanley	" "		" "	
Suzanne Suscila	7 Lee wood Rd		11/3/13	
Susan Huffman	27 INDIANA TER		11/3/13	
Barbara Lombard	905 Water town St		11/3/13	
Loretta Lombard	905 Water town St		11	

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Margaret Ciccone	105 Fair Oaks Ave		5/11/13	
Thomas Smith	105 Fair Oaks Ave		11/5/13	
Simon Greenwald	155 Waverley Ave.		11/5/13	
Gianluca Corsetti	400 WARD STREET		11/5/13	
Phyllis Rothberg	228 Park St,		11/5/13	
Michael Lase	119 Park St		11/5/13	
Carolyn Aury	10 Summer St.		11/5/2013	
Jan Holly	115 Park St		11/5/13	
Erin Ellis	73 Brackett Rd		2/18/14	
Aliza Schwartz	102 Sargent St.		23 11/5/13	
Harvey Cream	110 Huntington Rd		11/5/13	
Sandy Russo	12 Maple St		11/6/13	
Sarah Johnston	279 Linwood Ave			
Susan Kaplan	89 Needham St 2327		11/7/13	

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Jan Huffman	27 Indiana Ter		9 11/3	
Traute Marshall	100 Chestnut St.		6	
George E. Huntington	63 ^{West Newton} Bayberry Rd		11/3	
Margaret E. Hecker	105 Old Farmer		2 10/3	
Kay Moran	14 Phillips Lane		56 11/3	
Tian Pung	77 India Ter		11/3	
George Gardner	48 Williams St		25	
Duyana Gardner	48 Williams St		11/03	
John	64 Dorset Rd.		7 11/3	
Joshua Norman	36 Rowe Street		11/3	
Karel Spilic	8 Fredana Rd		2 11-3	

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MARCY L. CORRIGAN	239 Watertown St ⁶⁻⁷		11/5/13	
Michael F. O'Neil	1276 Calhoun St		11/5/13	
Susan O'Neil	31 Capital St.		11/5/13	
John S. O'Neil	62 West St.		11/5/13	
Barbara Wong	56 Dalby St		11/5/13	

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Ivan R Samuels	164 PARK ST		11/7/13	
Phene Goodman	59 North St ^{Newton} 02460		78	
Beau Samuels	169 Park St 02458		76	
Marian + Arthur Glasgow	9 LAUREL ST NEWTON CENTER			
Anne Larnes	68 Hyatt St			
Ernest + Mercer	173 Oakleigh rd		11/7	
Kelga Lustig	304 Greenwood St		11/7/13	

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Avery L. Issner	472 Dudley Rd.		11/5	
BILL HORNE	15 PHEASANT RD		11/5	
Sandra Horne	15 Pheasant Rd		11/5	
Paul Lavigne	340 California St		11/5	
Pauline Solomon	104 Oldham St		11/5	
Tracy [unclear]	83 Proctor Ave.		11/5	
Michelle Marzen	73 Washington Pl		11/5	
William [unclear]	965 Walnut St.		11/5	
LISA A. PARLAGRECO Lisa [unclear]	855 Comm Ave.		11/5	
[unclear]	[unclear]			
OATHY PROSCIA	340 CABOT ST #1 NEWTON		11/5	
Roseto Coppola	146 Pearl St.		11/5/13	
Anna Coppola	146 Pearl St - Newton		11/5/2013	
James C. Franier	296 California		11/5/13	
Thomas Naby	230 Waterdown St.		11/5/13	

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Laura DeDominicis	26 Burnes Rd.	617	1/17/13	la
Michele Bissanti	11 Washington St	617	9/17/13	ch
Eileen Mullarkey	578 Centre St.	617	9/17/13	e
Sue Kowalsky	↓		9/17/13	d
Jennifer Greenberg	30 Channing St.	617	9/17/13	
Joanne Thornley	38 Eldridge St		9/17/13	
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Samantha Gluck 19 Weston St [redacted] 10/27/13 - *Samantha Gluck*

Kimberly D. Gluck 19 Weston St. [redacted] 10/28/13 - *Kimberly D. Gluck*

Carolyn Gately 316 Franklin St [redacted] 11/11/13 - *Carolyn Gately*

[Signature] 316 Franklin St [redacted] 11/11/13 - *[Signature]*

Eileen Mullaly 528 Centre St [redacted] 11/1/13 - *Eileen Mullaly*

Don F. Holland 450 Waverley Ave [redacted] - - *Don F. Holland*

R. W. Holland, Sr. 930 Waverley Ave - 11/3 - *R. W. Holland, Sr.*

Eric Pape 787 Chestnut St. - 11/3/13 - *Eric Pape*

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Andrew Guck	19 Merion St.	[Redacted]	11/1/13	g [Redacted]	[Signature]
Laura Foster	333 OTIS	6 [Redacted]	11/3/13	fo [Redacted]	[Signature]
DALE BEUTSON	73 RANDOLPH ST	[Redacted]	11/3/13	d [Redacted]	[Signature]
Elisabeth Burdick	372 Cabot St.	[Redacted]	1942 11/3/13	[Redacted]	Elisabeth Burdick [Redacted]@mail.com
Ronald Walsworth	372 Cabot St	[Redacted]	1942 11/3/13	[Redacted]	R. Walsworth [Redacted]@harvard.edu
Brian Grohn	99 Gordon St. #9	[Redacted]	88 11/3/13	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Joanne Swenson	60 Highland Ave	6 [Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Signature]

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SUSAN Lynn	30 Woodway St. Waban		10/28/13	
Laura Merrill	26 Greenough St West Newton		10/28/13	
Spencer Bronk	31 Ashmont Ave	615	11/4/13	62
Melissa Mark	34 Hyde Ave	33	11/4/13	m
Shira Stonehill	299 Mill St. Newtonville	6	11/4/13	S
Mary Soboyeva	122 Auburn St.	6	11/4/13	n
Caroline Cohen	73 Bonad Rd.		11/4/13	e
Elizabeth Rudie	150 Tremont St.		11/4/13	328
Young-Shin Choi	21 Oakland St #2		11/12/13	
Jan Steenbrugge	21 Oakland St #2		11/12/13	
Herod Sabonah	23 Lincoln St		11/12/13	
Amel Stojanovic	205 Ward St		11/2/13	
Jerome Brock	21 Oakland St		11/2/13	

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Andy Gluck	19 MERTON ST		9/17/13	andygluck
Kim Gluck	19 MERTON ST		9-17-13	kimgluck
Shant Sadick	16 Fairmont		9/17/13	shantsadick
JEFFREY GATES	103 WALKER 206 FRANK		9/17/13	jeffreygates
Frances Hens	139 Waverley Ave		9/17/13	franceshens
Richard DiBona	42 Hollis St		9/17/13	richarddibona
JAMES KILLKUPAL	32 RICHARDSON ST		9/18/13	killkupal
Ona Kuegels	6 Billing Park		30 "	ona_kuegels
Knut Eustrom	50 Elmhurst Rd		9/17/13	knuteustrom
Steve Perron	36 W HATTENORE RD		9-17-13	steveperron
KATHERINE BAXTER	59 CLAREMONT ST		9-17-13	katherinebaxter
Debbie Marrevo	89 HAMMOND ST, Apt 13		9-17-13	debbiemarrevo
Doris Brodhead	44 Jameson Rd, 02458		9/17/13	dorisbrodhead

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Jeanne Marrazzo	25 Mague Ave		10/24/13	
Neil Gallagher	511 Grove St [#]		10/26/13	
Maria Glato	384 Waltham St		10/28/13	
William McDonough	384 Waltham St		10/28/13	
Robert Krause	166 EDINBURG ST		10/28/13	
Margaret L. Allright	166 Edinboro St		10/27/13	
Jenny Young	18 Karen Rd		10/27/13	
Sandra Young	18 Karen Rd		10/27/13	
Jacque Bedar	261 Franklin St		10/27/13	
Alexis Ruffo	30 Melville Ave		10/31/13	
Dino Rossi	248 Valeriana St		10/31/13	