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## **Community Preservation Committee FUNDING RECOMMENDATION**

date: 30 April 2012  
from: Community Preservation Committee  
to: Honorable Board of Aldermen  
about:: Recommended funding for **CIVIL WAR MONUMENT**

### **PROJECT GOALS & ELIGIBILITY**

This project will restore the City-owned monument in Newton Cemetery, erected in 1864 to commemorate the sacrifice of Newton soldiers' lives in the Civil War. The monument's condition has deteriorated markedly since the original 2005-06 assessment supported with CPA funds. The Community Preservation Committee accepted this funding proposal off-cycle based on the sponsoring departments' presentation of strong evidence that another winter might cause additional serious damage, which could significantly increase the cost of restoring the monument.

This recommendation relies on the findings made for the CPC's March 2005 funding recommendation that the monument is eligible for funding under the Community Preservation Act, and that its restoration is consistent with priorities identified in Newton's *Community Preservation Plan* and *Comprehensive Plan*.

### **RECOMMENDED FUNDING**

On 24 April 2011 by a unanimous vote of 7-0 (members Wally Bernheimer and Dan Green absent), the Community Preservation Committee recommended that total funding of \$134,000 be appropriated to the control of the Commissioner of Public Works for this project. All funds should be drawn from the Community Preservation Fund's fund balance designated for historic resources and should be counted 100% in that category.

Funds may be used for all eligible purposes included implicitly or explicitly in the following summary budget:

#### **CIVIL WAR MONUMENT RESTORATION**

<b>Project Budget</b>	
Project management: Engineering Division, Dept. of Public Works staff to oversee contracted design services: to manage bidding, contracting & site work for construction	\$2,000
consulting services: design & specifications	\$12,000
Construction	\$120,000
<b>Total CPA funding recommended:</b>	<b>\$134,000</b>

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## **SPECIAL ISSUES CONSIDERED BY THE CPC**

Ordinarily, the Committee prefers to base its construction funding recommendations on estimates informed by a final design or specifications. However, in this case it is recommending funding for design and construction simultaneously, with the intention of allowing all restoration work to be completed before the monument must weather another winter.

## **ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Funds should be appropriated to the control of the Engineering Division in the Department of Public Works, with the project engineer designated as the project manager.
2. The historic preservation staff of the Planning and Development Department will provide additional advice or assistance as requested by the project manager.
3. The project manager will provide in-person reports to the Community Preservation Committee on (a) the results of the project's design phase and (b) construction bidding, prior to the start of work at the site, and will provide the Committee with both in-person and written reports on the project's final results within 1 month of project completion.
4. Both City departments above will collaborate with the CPC, the Newton Veterans Department, Newton Cemetery, and other appropriate Newton organizations or agencies to publicize the project and to re-dedicate the restored monument in 2014, on or prior to the 150th anniversary of its original dedication.
5. Any portion of the Community Preservation Fund grant not used for the purposes stated herein will be returned to the Newton Community Preservation Fund.

## **KEY OUTCOMES**

The Community Preservation Committee will evaluate this project based on the completion of all planned work:

1. prior to May 2014
2. for no more than the total funding recommended, and if possible, for less

## **ATTACHMENTS**

(delivered to the clerks of the Programs & Services and Finance Committees)

- draft Board order
- proposal & supporting documents, including letters of support & PowerPoint presentation
- project web page: [www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/cityhall.asp#Civil-War-Monument](http://www.newtonma.gov/gov/planning/cpa/projects/cityhall.asp#Civil-War-Monument)

This page links to the full text of major documents for this project, including the 2005-06 CPC recommendation and Board order for an initial assessment and restoration recommendations.