



Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

**Newton, Massachusetts Community Preservation Program  
Fy12-13 FUNDING REQUEST**

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date rec'd:  
**4 April  
2012**

PRE-PROPOSAL       PROPOSAL

For full instructions, see [www.newtonma.gov/cpa](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa) or contact:

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*You may adjust the space for each question, but do not use more than 1 page to answer all questions on this page.*

<b>Project CONTACTS</b>		<i>Name, title, mailing address, email, phone, fax, &amp; website if there is one.</i>	
<b>MANAGER</b> Frank Nichols, Special Projects Manager Engineering Division, Public Works Department City of Newton, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue 671-796-1034		<b>OTHER CONTACT</b> Brian Lever, Senior Preservation Planner Planning and Development Department City of Newton, 1000 Commonwealth Avenue 671-796-1129	
<b>Project TITLE</b>	<b>Civil War Monument Restoration</b>		
<b>Project LOCATION</b>	<i>Full street address (with zip code) or other precise location.</i> Newton Cemetery Corporation 791 Walnut Street, Newton Center, MA 02459-1719		
<b>Project BUDGET</b>	<b>CP FUNDS TO BE REQUESTED:</b> \$134,000 - \$166,000	<b>OTHER FUNDS TO BE USED:</b> \$0	<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST:</b> \$134,000 - \$166,000
<b>SUMMARY</b>	<i>Explain project goals &amp; why funds are needed. For multi-project "programs," describe how individual projects were chosen &amp; prioritized.</i>		
<p>The Newton Civil War Monument was constructed in 1864 prior to the end of the Civil War and is the second oldest monument to Civil War veterans in Massachusetts. The monument was designated as locally significant by the Newton Historical Commission in 2005 and investigation of the monument's eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places is underway. The monument while located within the Newton Cemetery is City-property, located on a small City-owned parcel. Efforts to create a monument to Civil War veterans were underway in 1863 and the monument was completed in 1864 using citizen donations including 1,100 public school children contributing 10 cents each. The monument designed by Chester Mitchell was constructed of marble and Quincy granite. The monument consists of two parts: an obelisk and hillside entablature. Inscribed on marble tablets within the entablature are the names of 61 fallen Newton soldiers who died while in military service during the Civil War or afterward from wounds/disease during the war. At the time of its construction, the hillside entablature was supported by iron pins and a stone wall at its rear. Over time erosion, water drainage from the hillside, and freeze/thaw cycle, have pushed the entablature away from the hill. The top of the entablature and its cannon have been removed to prevent their destruction. The remaining portion under pressure from the hillside has developed stress fractures and is in immediate danger of breaking apart and falling. To prevent collapse, the Newton Cemetery has temporarily braced the monument.</p> <p>This grant application is to provide funding for the design services and construction costs to restore the monument. This will involve substantial excavation around the entablature and the construction of a new retaining wall to support it. Additional work will include pinning and reassembling the monument using appropriate adhesives, repairing fractures, and cleaning the entire monument to remove lichen, which can damage the stonework. The services of structural engineers, stone conservators, masons, and landscape professionals will be required to create the specifications for the restoration and also complete the work.</p> <p>Due to the severe deterioration of the monument and its danger to public safety this application seeks funds simultaneously for both design and construction services. Additionally, this is a request for off-cycle consideration of this project so that it may be completed this year and the monument not undergo another winter, as well as additional deterioration. Both the Mayor's Office and the Board of Aldermen support the restoration of the monument in time for its 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2014 and it is the recommendation of the Engineering Division to proceed as quickly as possible.</p>			

HOW WILL CP FUNDS BE USED?		HISTORIC RESOURCES	OPEN SPACE	RECREATION LAND	COMMUNITY HOUSING
Check all that apply.	acquire				Contact staff for separate form.
	create	not allowed			
	preserve				
	support	not allowed	not allowed	not allowed	
	rehabilitate/ restore	X	allowed only if the resource was originally acquired or created with CP funds		

**CITYWIDE PLANS:** List plans by title, year & page(s) where each plan identifies this specific project or its general goals as a priority. See links to plans from: [www.newtonma.gov/cpa/program.htm](http://www.newtonma.gov/cpa/program.htm).

Recommendation from Newton Preservation Plan 2002, page 59

“Identify and preserve the structural massing, form, materials, and other character defining features of city-owned resources”

**OTHER FUNDING:** What non-CP funds will you use or are you pursuing? List names of other funders, amounts requested, & expected dates of funding decisions.

Given the urgent need of the request, the Planning and Development Department and the Engineering Division of the Public Works Department are unable to pursue other funding. This is an emergency request due to the threat of the monument’s collapse and danger to the public welfare. Planning Department staff are pursuing a determination of eligibility for listing the monument on the State and National Register of Historic Places. If listed, the monument will be eligible for Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grants that can be used in the future should additional restoration work be required. Listing on the State / National Register can take two years or more to complete given the level of detailed documentation required and review of both the state and federal government.

**STEWARDSHIP:** How will the project be maintained and funded once CP funds have been spent?

The monument is a masonry structure and requires limited maintenance. The proposed restoration is the first substantial project involving the monument known to have occurred since its construction in 1864. It is anticipated that after restoration little if any maintenance will be required aside from occasional cleaning every few years to prevent biological growth.

**COMMUNITY CONTACTS:** List email addresses and/or phone numbers for at least 3 Newton residents or organizations that can provide feedback on the proposal and its manager’s qualifications. No more than 1 should be a Board member, supervisor, or employee of the project manager.

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byates@newtonma.gov

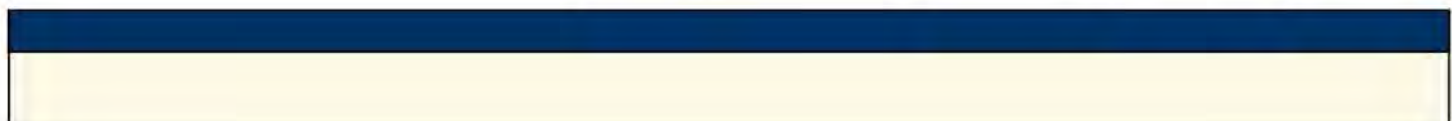
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<b>TIMELINE A: Single-Phase Approach (\$134,000)</b>				
<b>Project or Program Title:</b>				
<b>Steps (for a project) or Projects (for a multi-project program) <i>For requests over \$300,000, show how funding could be phased over multiple years.</i></b>	<b>Assistance Required <i>(fundraising, permits, etc.)</i></b>	<b>Start <i>season/ year</i></b>	<b>Finish <i>season/ year</i></b>	<b>Cost <i>estimate</i></b>
<b>1 Public hearing and CPC vote on design and construction funds</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	April, 2012	April, 2012	\$0
<b>2 Board referral, Board committee meetings and Board vote</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	May, 2012	June, 2012	\$1,000
<b>3 Funds available and selection of restoration design contractor by Planning and Engineering</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	June, 2012	July, 2012	\$1,000
<b>4 Design contractor completes restoration plans</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	July, 2012	August, 2012	\$12,000
<b>5 Bidding of restoration work</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	August, 2012	September, 2012	\$0
<b>6 Completion of restoration</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	October, 2012	November, 2012	\$120,000
<b>7</b>				\$
<b>8</b>				\$
<b>9</b>				\$
<b>10</b>				\$



<b>TIMELINE B: Two-Phase Approach (\$154,000)</b>				
<b>Project or Program Title:</b>				
<b>Steps</b> (for a project) or <b>Projects</b> (for a multi-project program) <i>For requests over \$300,000, show how funding could be phased over multiple years.</i>	<b>Assistance Required</b> <i>(fundraising, permits, etc.)</i>	<b>Start</b> <i>season/ year</i>	<b>Finish</b> <i>season/ year</i>	<b>Cost</b> <i>estimate</i>
<b>1 Phase I Public hearing and CPC vote on design funds</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	April, 2012	April, 2012	\$0
<b>2 Board referral, Board committee meetings and Board vote</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	May, 2012	June, 2012	\$1,000
<b>3 Funds available and selection of restoration design contractor by Planning and Engineering</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	June, 2012	July, 2012	\$1,000
<b>4 Designer completes restoration plans</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	August, 2012	September, 2012	\$12,000
<b>5 Phase II Public hearing and CPC vote on construction funds</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	October, 2012	November, 2012	\$0
<b>6 Board referral, Board committee meetings, Board vote, and funds available</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	November, 2012	January, 2013	\$0
<b>7 Assume monument survives winter without intervention</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	December, 2012	March, 2013	\$0
<b>8 Bidding of restoration contract and selection of contractor</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	March, 2013	April, 2013	\$0
<b>10 Restoration complete</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	May, 2013	June, 2013	\$140,000

<b>TIMELINE C: Three-phase Approach (\$166,000)</b>				
<b>Project or Program Title:</b>				
<b>Steps (for a project) or Projects (for a multi-project program) For requests over \$300,000, show how funding could be phased over multiple years.</b>	<b>Assistance Required (fundraising, permits, etc.)</b>	<b>Start season/ year</b>	<b>Finish season/ year</b>	<b>Cost estimate</b>
<b>1 Phase I Public hearing and CPC vote on deconstruction and storage funds</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	April, 2012	April, 2012	\$0
<b>2 Board referral, Board committee meetings and Board vote</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	May, 2012	June, 2012	\$1,000
<b>3 Funds available and selection of deconstruction scope of work contractor by Planning and Engineering</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	June, 2012	August, 2012	\$1,000
<b>4 Bidding of deconstruction and storage contractor</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	August, 2012	September, 2012	\$0
<b>5 Deconstruction and storage of monument for winter complete</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	September, 2012	October, 2012	\$24,000
<b>6 Phase II CPC meetings and Board meetings on design funds</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	January, 2013	April, 2013	\$0
<b>7 Select design contractor and creation of restoration plans</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	May, 2013	June, 2013	\$15,000
<b>8 Phase III CPC meetings and Board meetings on construction funds</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	July, 2013	October, 2013	\$0
<b>9 Bid and select restoration contractor</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	March, 2014	April, 2014	\$0
<b>10 Restoration complete</b>	Collaboration of Engineering and Planning staff	May, 2014	June, 2014	\$125,000

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment A: Photographs of the Civil War Monument

Attachment B: Designation of Historic Significance by the Newton Historical Commission

Attachment C: Historic Photograph of Civil War Monument

Attachment D: Board of Alderman Resolution

Attachment E: Civil War Monument Documentation

Attachment F: Letters of Support



Obelisk



Hillside entablature



Stress fracture



Temporary bracing



David B. Cohen  
Mayor

## CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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January 28, 2005

Doug Dickson, Chairman  
Community Preservation Committee  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton, MA 02459

RE: Designation of Local Significance – Newton Civil War Monument

Dear Mr. Dickson:

On behalf of the Newton Historical Commission, I am writing to tell you that the Commission has found the Newton Civil War Monument, located in the Newton Cemetery, 791 Walnut Street, to be an historic resource which is significant to the history and culture of the City of Newton as defined under the Community Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 44B, Section 2. The Newton Civil War Memorial was dedicated in 1864 and is one of the few Civil War memorials in the country completed before the end of the Civil War. Comprised of a carved granite obelisk and a curved granite retaining wall, the design of which grows out of the ground not unlike an underground tomb front, it is located on a circular lawn on the side of a small hill. The City owned memorial is adorned with the names of those Newton residents who died in the War, and is a beautiful and serene monument to the City's Civil War Veterans which is listed on the City's Historic Resource Survey.

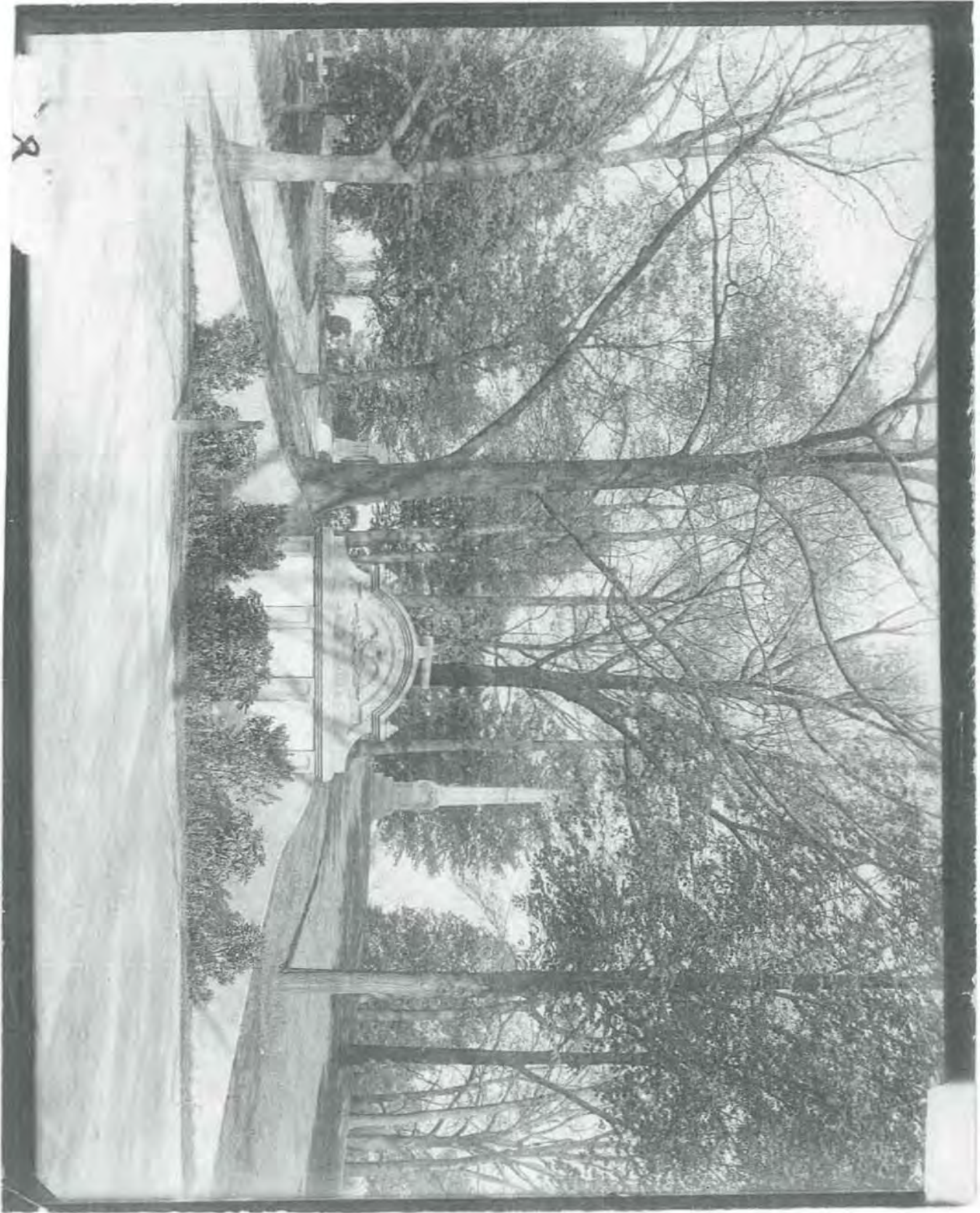
At their meeting on Thursday, January 27, 2005, the Newton Historical Commission reviewed the proposed project and determined, by a vote of 6 to 0, that this property constitutes a historic resource which is worthy for consideration under the Community Preservation Act. The Commission had previously indicated to the CPC their enthusiastic support for the proposed restoration of the monument and has resolved to provide this follow-up letter to facilitate the consideration of funding to restore this locally significant historic resource.

Sincerely,

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CITY OF NEWTON  
IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
DECEMBER 5, 2011

BE IT RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Community Preservation through its Chairman Susan Albright, the Board of Aldermen requests that:

WHEREAS, the Civil War Memorial, first erected in 1864, is in disrepair, and

WHEREAS, the year 2014 will be the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War Memorial's being built

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That His Honor the Mayor and the Public Buildings Department ensure that the Civil War Memorial is completely repaired before the year 2014, in preparation for the memorial's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Under Suspension of Rules  
Readings Waived and RESOLUTION Approved  
Unanimously



(SGD) DAVID A. OLSON  
City Clerk

# FORM C – OBJECT

Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

64003 0009 Newton NWT.979

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING  
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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Town/City: Newton

Place Newton Center

## Photograph



Address or Location: 791 Walnut Street

Name: Soldiers' Monument

Ownership:  Public  Private

Type of Object (check one):

- statue
- bust
- group composition
- religious shrine
- other (specify)
- monument
- milestone
- marker
- boundary marker

Date of Construction: 1864

Source: Boston Herald, July 7, 1864

Designer/Sculptor: Chester Mitchell

Materials: Granite

Alterations: In disrepair

## Locus Map



Condition: Good/Poor

Moved:  no  yes Date:

Acreage: 14,388 sf

Setting: A granite obelisk sits atop grassy island at east end of Newton Cemetery near entrance. Entablature with names of Newton's deceased Civil War soldiers inset to the northwest on same site. Parapet cap and cannon removed, await remounting. Entablature requires repair.

Recorded by: Katy Hax Holmes

Organization: City of Newton

Date: March 2012

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 Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

*Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.*

**DESIGN ASSESSMENT**

*Describe the design features of the object and evaluate in terms of other similar types of objects within the community.*

The lot of land on which the monument stands is set within the boundary of Newton Cemetery and is bordered by Cemetery roads Main Avenue, Maple Avenue, and Walnut Avenue. The Soldier's Monument is comprised of two structures positioned on a grassy knoll just to the south of the main entrance to the Cemetery, and consists of an obelisk and a stone entablature made from Quincy granite and marble. The pyramidal obelisk is positioned on the highest point of the knoll and stands a total of 28' in height from the ground. Its base is 7'6" square, and supports two plinths: the lowest is 6' square, and the next is 5' square. This upper plinth has a top edge softened by a rope, or egg pattern. Atop this upper plinth is a squared block, known as the die, which is 4' square and 7' tall. Highlighted on the four sides of the die are raised barrel arches, also with the rope pattern, which terminate in scrolls and carved floral brackets. Each arch is bisected by a keystone-like stone shaped in the form of a shield. The upper edge of the die block has chamfered tongues, which frame the beveled edges of the four die faces. The four-sided shaft rises 18' on a granite molding base with chamfered edges, and has engraved, arched bevels on each face. The shaft is topped by a granite pyramidal cap.

The east side of the die is carved in relief with the words "In Memoriam Perpetuum." The date "1864" also appears as a raised carving on the east side of the lowest plinth.

Inside of the base of the obelisk is reportedly a time capsule, which contains copies of Boston daily papers, the town report, and "coins and currency of the day" (Boston Herald, July 24, 1864).

The entablature, set into the northwest slope of the same grassy knoll on which the obelisk stands, is also of granite and consists of a retaining wall containing three marble panels inscribed with the names of 61 Civil War dead, all of whom were killed or died while in service. The three panels are separated by granite pilasters, each beveled in an arched pattern which emulates those found on the obelisk. An arched parapet with a carved American eagle and thirteen stars was once mounted on this low wall. The granite arch of the parapet terminates at both ends with small platforms containing piles of granite cannon balls. A granite cannon was mounted on top of the arch, the mouth of which faced south. The parapet, which was removed years ago when the entablature became structurally unstable, sits on the ground in front of the wall for safety reasons. The cannon was also removed at that time, and is currently stored in the administration building of Newton Cemetery. Beneath the eagle, the entablature bears the relief-carved words: "Pro Patria Mortui Sunt" (loosely translated: They Died for Their Country).

**HISTORICAL NARRATIVE**

*Explain the history of the object and how it relates to the development of the community.*

Incorporated in 1855, Newton Cemetery was designed as a non-denominational, publically accessible cemetery during a time when smaller private cemeteries in Newton were filling to capacity. The advent of the Parks Movement in the 1840s was also responsible for instilling the idea of creating a cemetery that served the health and recreational needs of the community by providing a rural, pleasant setting in which the dead could be remembered. In 1857, the Town of Newton purchased 60 plots as a means by which to support the viability of Newton Cemetery. Six years later, the town decided to erect a monument to the Civil War dead at Newton Cemetery, which prompted the town to exchange its holdings of 60 disparate plots to one large plot near the eastern edge of the cemetery. This transaction was recorded in a deed dated February 12, 1864, and is on file at the office of the City Clerk in Newton City Hall. To this day, this lot serves as the site of the Soldier's Monument and is owned and maintained by the City.

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The Newton Soldiers' Monument appears to be the only previously surveyed monument in Newton Cemetery (NWT.979). Erected in 1864 to commemorate Newton men lost in the Civil War, the obelisk and entablature were designed and carved in granite and marble by Chester Mitchell of the Mitchell Granite Company in Quincy. Four years after his Newton monument was dedicated, Chester Mitchell designed and erected the Soldiers' Monument obelisk in the Mount Wollaston Cemetery in Quincy, Massachusetts (QUI.903). Though similar in appearance, massing, and materials to the Newton monument, the Quincy monument features bronze panels on the obelisk itself containing the names, branches of military, and cause of death for each of Quincy's Civil War dead. Cannons are symmetrically placed around the obelisk. There is no entablature.

There are no burials on the site of the Newton Soldiers' monument. In fact, few of the soldiers whose names appear on the monument are buried at Newton Cemetery. A sampling of 14 of the 61 names appearing on the monument, or 23% of the inscribed names, showed that only five were buried in Newton Cemetery. Civil War soldiers' remains were often buried outside of POW camps, on the battlefield, at sea, or (locally) in other cemeteries near Newton. Sadly, in the cases of Newton Civil War soldiers Parker, Harrington, Miller, Roffe, Duran, Bassett, Rich, and Breck, their remains were never found.

A Newton Cemetery publication from 1907 states that the Newton Soldiers' Monument was the second to be erected in Massachusetts, but does not identify the first by name. Other publications claim that the Newton monument was the first ever built to commemorate Civil War dead, but it is more likely that the Newton monument was the second. The earliest soldier's monument appears to have been erected in Somerville, MA, c.1863. In either case, the Newton Soldier's Monument is one of the earliest in the Northeast to be completed for Civil War dead and to have been erected while the Civil War conflict was still in progress, a rarity. The monument was commissioned by a group of concerned citizens led by J. Wiley Edmands, a local businessman, treasurer, and entrepreneur. Edmands had two sons who served in the war, both of whom survived; and with his other committee members, was sensitive to the ongoing loss of local men in the town. By 1862, in the early days of the war, Newton had already lost at least 14 men. Other members of the Board of Trustees and citizens involved in funding the monument had sons serving in the conflict as well. In addition to Edmands, members of the appointed Board were: Henry Bigelow, William Claflin, Thomas Rice, Jr., David H. Mason, William E. Sheldon, William Marcy, J.S. Farlow, and John C. Chaffin. Most of the original board members and their families are buried in Newton Cemetery.

On August 7, 1863, the Town gave this Committee the authority to erect the soldiers' monument on a piece of land located inside Newton Cemetery. The Monument project became a *cause celebre* in Newton, prompting over 1200 donors to contribute funds, and over 1100 public school children to contribute a dime each to the cause. The obelisk, entablature, and structural curbing on the knoll cost approximately \$5,500 to build. The Soldiers' Monument was dedicated on July 23, 1864, in a ceremony marked by songs, poems, speeches, and sermons. Thomas Rice presided over the dedication ceremonies, and the Rev. S.F. Smith, composer of the song "My Country Tis of Thee" wrote a poem and a song for the occasion. Smith was subsequently buried in this cemetery.

At the time of the dedication, 43 names were inscribed in alphabetical order on two of the three marble panels of the entablature. The monument currently bears the names of 61 Newton soldiers lost in the Civil War. The death dates of the remaining 18 inscribed names confirm they were added after the 1864 dedication, and were inscribed beneath the two existing columns of names without regard for the alphabet. The Newton soldiers added to the monument after the cessation of the Civil War in 1865 either died in late battles, or of wounds or illnesses sustained during their time of service. The central marble panel in the entablature remains blank.

**ENTIRE INSCRIPTION:**

On Base: In Memoriam Perpetuam, 1864

On Tablet: Pro Patria Mortui Sunt

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**Names of 61 Soldiers, in order of their appearance on the monument:**First Column:

Leut. Eben White  
Orlestus J. Adams  
John Allen  
George Baker  
George H. Baxter  
William R. Benson  
Theodore L. Brackett  
Leroy S. Bridgman  
Eben R. Buck  
Reuben L. Butler  
Thomas W. Clifford  
Gilbert A. Cheney  
Ferdinand Champion  
Seth Cousens, Jr.  
Frederick A. Cutter  
William Fell  
William N. Freeman  
John Forsyth, Jr.  
William L. Gilman  
Major Henry T. Lawson  
Harvey L. Vinton  
William A. Harris  
John Myer Jr.  
John McQuade  
George H. Nichols  
John B. Rogers  
Lieut. Joseph B. Breck  
William L. Parker  
Elliot Littlefield  
Henry C. Harrington

Second Column:

Leopold H. Hawkes  
Patrick Haggerty  
Thomas L. Jackson  
Albert A. Kendall  
Jefferson Larkin  
Charles A. Leavitt  
Michael Martin  
Daniel H. Miller  
Stephen L. Nichols  
Albert F. Potter  
Joseph R. Pratt  
William H. Rice  
William Rand, Jr.  
Edward H. Tombs  
Lucius F. Trowbridge  
Michael Vaughn  
Charles Ward  
Grafton H. Ward  
Samuel F. Woodward  
Thomas C. Norcross  
Daniel Sanger  
William B. Neff  
Matthew T.H. Roffe  
Thomas Duran  
Lemuel F. Bassett  
George H. Rich  
Edward Lyman  
Lowell M. Breck  
Alfred Washburn  
William H. Johnson  
George Kimball

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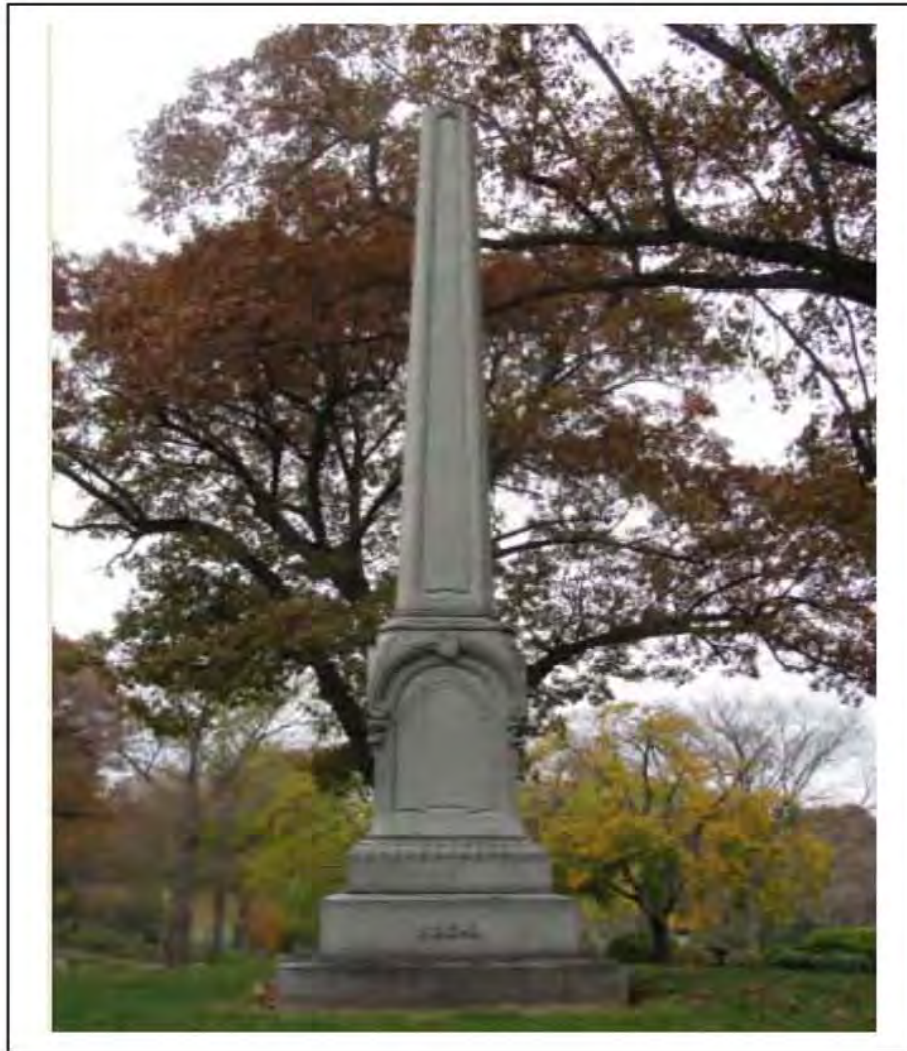
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**ADDITIONAL IMAGE:**



<p><b>Soldier's Monument Obelisk, 1864, Newton Cemetery</b></p>
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**INVENTORY FORM C CONTINUATION SHEET**

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**National Register of Historic Places Criteria Statement Form**

Check all that apply:

- Individually eligible       Eligible **only** in a historic district
- Contributing to a potential historic district       Potential historic district

Criteria:     **A**     **B**     **C**     **D**

Criteria Considerations:     **A**     **B**     **C**     **D**     **E**     **F**     **G**

Statement of Significance by Katy Hax Holmes

Erected in 1864, the Newton Civil War Soldiers' Monument is credited with being the second oldest Civil War veterans' monument in Massachusetts and was constructed to honor the military sacrifice of Newton men. The monument is eligible under Criteria A as one of the earliest Civil War memorials, dedicated while the war was still in progress. It is also eligible under Criteria C as a notable example of memorial architecture created by Quincy stonecutter/sculptor Chester Mitchell. Made of Quincy granite, the 28-foot tall obelisk, and entablature, commands a prominent location in Newton Cemetery. The design departs from the common form of Civil War memorial with a statue of a soldier, seen in later post-war monuments. The entablature is inscribed with the names of 61 soldiers who died of war related injury or disease while serving in the Civil War. The obelisk contains a time capsule containing objects from the time of the monument's construction.

Susan D. Abele  
23 Russell Court  
Newton, MA 02460

Ms. Leslie Burg, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
Newton City Hall  
Newton, Massachusetts

Dear Leslie,

It has been my great privilege to do research on the Civil War monument in the Newton Cemetery in preparation for the CPA proposal for the Civil War Monument Restoration Project.

In response to a question as to whether we could confirm city ownership of the lot, I found a deed in the City Archives, which provides unequivocal proof of ownership. That the deed was preserved also reinforces the high value that we should place on our city's archives.

The description on the document, quoted below, confirms ownership as well the deeply felt duty and responsibility felt by the citizens of Newton in 1864.

Deed of Lot for a Monument  
For Newton soldiers who lost their lives to save  
American Freedom.  
Newton Cemetery Corporation to  
Town of Newton  
February 12, 1864

A compelling adjunct to this deed is a resolution in the selectmen's minutes that same year, which authorizes money for a history of Newton to be written so that town's contributions to the war effort would be thoroughly reported. The *History of Newton*, by Samuel Francis Smith, became a very lengthy work and was not published until 1880, but it fulfills the goals of the selectmen's appropriation.

The imperative to create and maintain the Monument is clear, and there should be no question as to the City's responsibility to honor that effort.

Sincerely,



Susan D. Abele  
Archivist



# Newton Cemetery Corporation

*A Beautiful Garden Cemetery Serving Greater Boston*

March 8, 2012

Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Planning and Development Department  
Newton City Hall  
1000 Commonwealth Avenue  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

RE: **Preservation of the Newton Civil War Memorial**

Dear Community Preservation Committee Members:

I am pleased to hear that the pre-proposal for the Civil War Memorial preservation work is on the agenda for the next Community Preservation Committee meeting on March 27, 2012. On behalf of the Newton Cemetery Corporation, I would like to express full support for the funding application.

The Newton Civil War Memorial provides a permanent tribute honoring Newton residents who gave their lives in the Civil War. It is an important historic landmark in the City of Newton, and its preservation would restore the memorial to its original splendor. In its current state, the memorial has become unstable and unsafe. The preservation is essential to prevent further damage, and to ensure the safety of those visiting.

I understand that the goal is to have this project complete by July 2014- the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Memorial's initial unveiling. I look forward to a community event to celebrate the 2<sup>nd</sup> unveiling of the Civil War Memorial!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Buras  
President and Treasurer

City of Newton



Setti D. Warren  
Mayor

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March 27, 2012

Community Preservation Committee  
c/o Department of Planning and Development  
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Newton, MA 02459

RE: Preservation of the Newton Soldiers' Monument

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Commission:

It has often been said that "...Poor is the nation without heroes but beggared is the nation that has them and forgets them..." Given the current state of the Civil War Soldiers' Monument I was concerned that Newton was on the verge of becoming a "beggared" city. Hopefully, that will not happen.

On behalf of war veterans from the City of Newton, I am writing to pledge my support for the preservation of the Civil War Soldiers' Monument located in Newton Cemetery. This monument has suffered neglect for a very long time, and I am happy to hear that there has been renewed focus on its preservation.

Though the Civil War officially ended in 1865, the Newton monument was erected a year earlier due to the heavy loss of Newton men early in the war. In 1862, at least 14 Newton soldiers died in battle or from disease. In 1865, five Newton men perished in one day at the Battle of Gettysburg. The responsibility for preserving this monument lies with those of us who enjoy the liberties these men protected.

It is my understanding that the restoration project would be completed by July 2014, in time for the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of the monument's dedication. I would be eager to have our department participate in its re-dedication and know that veterans, war historians, and citizens of Newton would welcome the opportunity as well.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
John MacGillivray  
Veterans Services Officer  
City of Newton

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Setti D. Warren  
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## CITY OF NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS

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March 27, 2012

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

Subject: Civil War Monument Restoration

Dear Ms. Ingerson,

The Newton Historical Commission voted unanimously at its regularly scheduled meeting on March 22, 2012 to support the request for CPA funding to restore the Civil War Monument. Additionally, the Commission concurred with a request to find the monument eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places and supported the application to the Massachusetts Historical Commission for a formal determination. The Commission also noted that the monument's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary is approaching in July 2014.

The monument is a reminder of the sacrifices of our community during the Civil War. It is a monument to our veterans and a historic structure worthy of both recognition and care. We hope that the Community Preservation Committee feels as strongly as we do about this project and will award funding. Further, the Commission desires that this project proceed as quickly as possible and the monument be restored before the coming winter.

Sincerely,

David Morton, Secretary