



TRINITY CHURCH
730 MAIN STREET
WALTHAM, MA 02451
(781) 899-3891

Rev. Deacon Allen J. Batchelder
(617) 244-9193

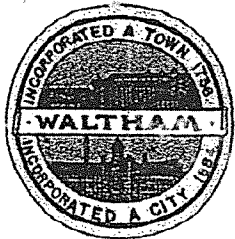
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☐ CAME TO SEE YOU
☐ WANTS TO SEE YOU



Community Preservation Committee

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William W. Durkee, Jr.
CPA Program Manager

The Reverent Howard Cepelak, Pastor
Trinity Church
730 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02451-0696

Re: Waltham Community Preservation Committee Funding Request

Dear Reverend Cepelak:

I have reviewed the Application of the Trinity Church for funding for the replacement of the roof. This letter is to request that additional information or clarification of your Application be provided prior to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Meeting and Hearing planned for February 23, 2010 at 7 PM in the City Hall, Council Chambers.

1. Please provide any additional confirmation of the legal name of the owner of the Church and its lands such that would assure that an eventual Agreement with the City would provide protection of its investment of the CPA funds.
2. Please provide a letter of authority from the owner(s) of the Church that you were authorized to act on their behalf to apply for the funds requested. Further, provide an authorization from the owners that you are authorized to represent the Church to obtain construction bids for the purposes of the Application, and to sign such and the City Agreement.
3. Under the goal of the Application, the roof is mentioned and certain work including the tower. If there are any structural components which support the roof which need repair or replacement they should be addressed here. If the alternatives of using slate again versus other types of shingles such as the Grand Manor asphalt shingles were discussed that would be helpful.
4. The designation as listed on the National Register of Historic places is very significant. If you would provide a copy of that designation and any other listing such as the Massachusetts Register, or that of the Waltham Historical Commission as an historical icon of importance to the City, those would be important.

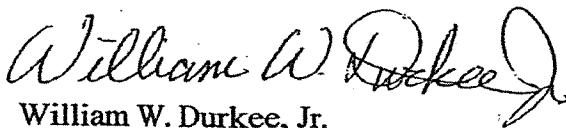
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Mailing Address: Waltham City Hall • 610 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02452-5580 • Tel: 781-314-3117 • Fax: 781-314-3118

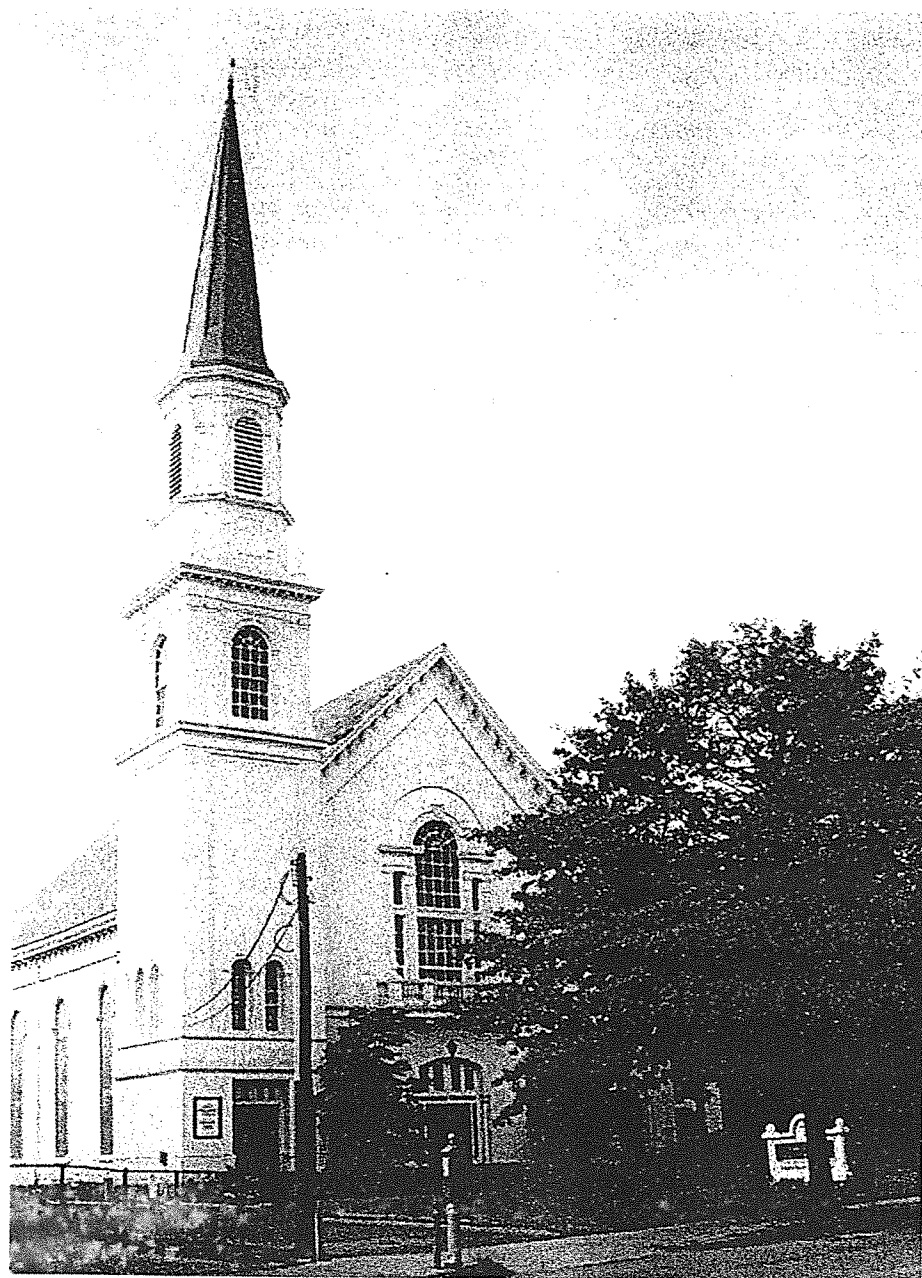
CPC/CPA Office: 11 Carter Street, Waltham, MA 02452 • Email: wdurkee@city.waltham.ma.us

5. Letters of support are helpful to understand the public interest in an Application. If you are able to obtain letters of support from public officials, neighbors, and the Waltham Historical Commission and Waltham Historical Society they could be helpful for this Application and applications from other funding sources. The Ward Councillor for the address of the Church is Gary Marchese of Ward 5.
6. Please document the registration of the Church as a current non-profit 501(c) (3) organization.
7. The timeline for the project may have changed and perhaps the costs. If you wish to update either the desired timing or cost of the project and the funds required it would be necessary to do that now. The total cost of all aspects of the project should be identified to include the approximate total costs as seen in the GB Restoration quotation of October 4, 2008.
8. Please designate who from the Church would oversee the spending of the contractors. For the City Agreement we would likely reach out to the Waltham Historical Commission to designate someone to agree with the Church's request for payments to its contractors. The City Building Department also has inspectors for all work to assure compliance with regulations.
9. Competitive bids are desirable.
10. Other sources of funds are available for historic preservation. Please detail efforts to obtain other sources of funding using CPA funds as leverage.

If you have any questions please contact the Waltham Community Preservation Act (CPA) Program Manager, William W. Durkee Jr.



William W. Durkee, Jr.
CPA Program Manager



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The Steeplecock Weathervane
The First Congregational Church of Waltham, Massachusetts

The old rooster lay in a Waltham, Massachusetts cellar for a quarter of a century while the gentleman who owned it pondered the problem: to whom should he give an old Puritan rooster? Were the Unitarians or the Congregationalists truer descendants of the cock's first owner-the Puritan parish in Waltham?

The first humble meetinghouse built in 1720 was replaced in 1767 by a weathercock-topped meetinghouse which stood until 1840. The rooster, salvaged when that building was demolished, stood for a while atop a barn and then disappeared. About 1898, Charles F. Stone, the gentleman who later would deliberate upon the genealogy of religious societies, found what he felt certain to be Waltham's missing vane in the Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts. The inn, made famous by Longfellow's tales, was then owned by an antique dealer. Mr. Stone bought the rooster and, returning it to its home town, placed it in his cellar.

Twenty-six years later, Mr. Stone decided to give the vane to The First Congregational Church of Waltham, which seemed to him the lineal descendant of the first parish, although the church which retained the name, "First Parish in Waltham," was the Unitarian Church.

Unitarians noted that the Congregational Society had been formed in 1820 while the rooster was still on its original perch. But Mr. Stone called churches as he saw them.

Shortly after the rooster was raised to its spire top, the Congregational Church was partially destroyed by fire. "The ancient bird on top of the steeple" was blamed for the burning. An anonymous letter writer to the local paper called it "A Jinx." The donor was denounced for his ill-advised gift.

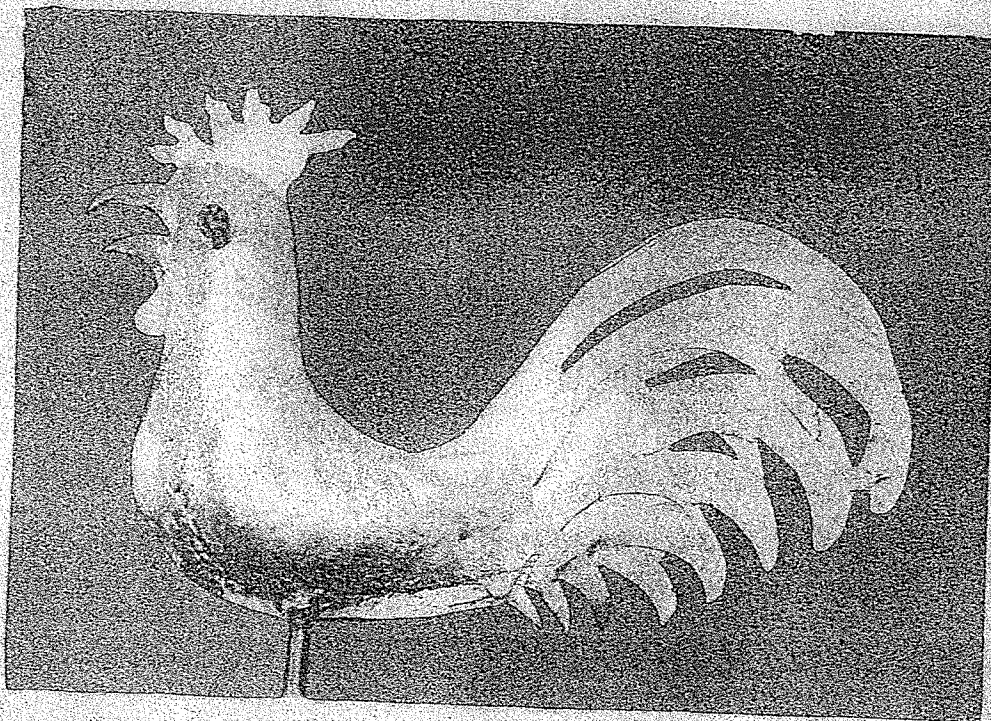
Perhaps when the Unitarians saw what an ill wind blew this weathervane, they were less disturbed by Mr. Stone's decision. At any rate, resentment was assuaged when another historic vane was given to the Unitarians....

Paul Revere did not make the Waltham weathercock. It is described as follows:

Weathercock. Copper, gilded. Large, about 4' 4". Made by Thomas Droune in 1767 for the First Parish, Waltham, Massachusetts. On the spire of The First Congregational Church of Waltham, Massachusetts.

(from Myrna Kaye's *Yankee Weathervanes*. E.P. Dutton and Company, Inc., 1975.)

This weathercock was on the steeple of the old church at Lyman and Beaver streets, for about 70 years until 1841. It was placed on the steeple of the First Congregational Church in Waltham Mass. in 1924.



*This weathercock was on the steeple of the old church at Lyman and Beaver Streets for about 70 years, until 1841.
Placed on the steeple of The First Congregational Church, Waltham, Massachusetts, 1924.*

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Waltham CPC Funding Request

1) Confirmation of Legal Name



**CITY OF WALTHAM
MASSACHUSETTS
BUSINESS CERTIFICATE**

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 110, Section 5 of Massachusetts General Laws, Business Certificates shall be in effect for four years from the date of issue and shall be renewed every four years thereafter. A statement under oath must be filed with the city clerk upon discontinuing, retiring or withdrawing from such business or partnership.

The undersigned hereby declares that a business is conducted under the title of:

Office Use

#

Certificate Expires:

Business Name (D/B/A): First Congregational Church of Waltham, d/b/a Trinity Church

Business Address: 730 Main Street, Waltham, MA. 02451

* NO P.O. BOXES or Mail Boxes accepted

*Business Address must be in Waltham.

Business Owner(s):

Full Name

Residence

First Congregational Church of Waltham

730 Main Street, Waltham, MA. 02451

If a corporation:

Corporation Name: First Congregational Church of Waltham

Corporate Officer (s) Name & Title

Residence

Joan D. Poirier, Clerk

98 Milton Street, Waltham, MA. 02453

Signatures:

On March 14, 2006 the above named person(s) personally appeared before me and made oath that the foregoing statement is true.

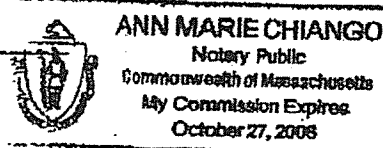
Identification Presented: Drivers License ☒ Other ☐

City Seal

Ann Marie Chiango
Notary Public

Commission Expiration Date Oct. 27, 2006

Notary Seal



Copies of such certificates shall be available at the address at which such business is conducted and shall be furnished on request during regular business hours to any person who has purchased goods or services from such business.

Violations are subject to a fine of not more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for each month during which such violation continues.

Massachusetts Department of Revenue form TA-1 available on request.

VOTE

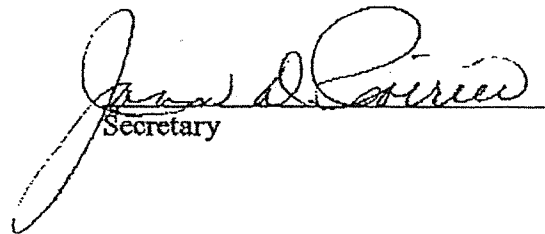
Vote of the membership of the **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WALTHAM.**

At the Annual Meeting of the membership of the First Congregational Church of Waltham held on February 6, 2006, a quorum being present and voting, on motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to change the name of the Church to **'TRINITY CHURCH (FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WALTHAM)**

A true copy.

Attest.


Secretary

**MINUTES OF THE 185TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF WALTHAM HELD ON
FEBRUARY 6, 2006**

The Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Waltham was held in the Church hall on February 6, 2006. The Moderator, Scott Skinner, welcomed those present.

It was determined that 32 members were present and that constituted a quorum.

The Moderator asked for a vote to adopt the agenda. It was so moved and accepted.

The Moderator asked for a vote to accept the Annual Reports for 2005 as presented, with the exception of the Nominating Committee, Treasurer's Report and Budget. It was so moved.

Dennis Burnhardt, Chair of the Nominating Committee, added the name of Estelle Ferguson to the Christian Education Committee.

A Discussion was held regarding the Fair Committee. When it was mentioned that it should be dropped for a year, the consensus of opinion was that if you drop it for one year, it would not be revived again.

Dennis explained the changes necessary in the by laws this year to allow the Missions Committee and Board of Delegated to be deletes. On a motion duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to change the by laws to delete the Missions Committee and Board of Delegates.

Raymond VanderWyk, as Chair of the Standing Committee, if he had any recommendations to fill the vacancies in the Nominating Committee. Having no recommendations, Joan Poirier and Bob Thayer volunteered to serve on the Nominating Committee.

A motion was made by Dick Cahoon, seconded and

VOTED: To approve the report of the Nominating Committee.

A reminder was made that anyone chairing a committee should attend the Standing Committee meetings.

Allen Batchelder presented the Treasurer's report. He pointed out some important features of the report and a discussion was held. It was pointed out that the Collector's report is a part of the Treasurer's report.

A motion was made by Raymond VanderWyk, seconded by Joan Poirier to accept the report of the Treasurer and Collector.

A discussion was held regarding new investments made by the Church. Betsy Bailey spoke on the subject.

The Treasurer presented the proposed budget and a discussion was held. It was the first time in 50 or 60 years that a budget was presented that was not balanced.

On a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To accept the budget deficient budget as presented.

Rev. Cepelak spoke further on his report as published in the Annual Reports. He proposed to the congregation that the name suggested, Trinity Church, a Congregational Church, be changed to Trinity Church (First Congregational Church of Waltham).

On a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: To change the name of the Church to "TRINITY CHURCH (FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WALTHAM)".

On a motion made and seconded, it was

VOTED: to accept the Pastor's report.

As a part of his report, the Pastor presented a gift of a mantle clock to Bob Thayer upon his leaving the office of Chair of the Trustees, expressing is genuine thanks for the work done by Bob over many years.

Old Business: Bob Thayer mentioned that we should have an absentee ballot form of voting for the members not able to attend the meetings. After a discussion, on a motion made by Dennis Burnhardt and seconded, it was

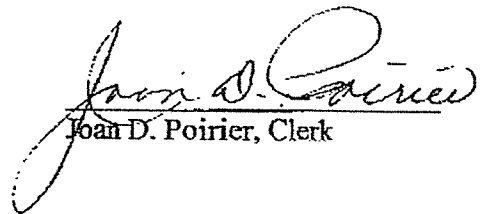
VOTED: To refer the matter to the by law committee.

NEW BUSINESS: The Chair of the Music Committee, Priscilla Thayer, requested that people not take the opportunity on Sunday morning to visit and chat in the sanctuary when the choir is practicing. There is room for that outside of the sanctuary.

The new Moderator took over the meeting, calling for an adjournment.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was

VOTED: TO ADJOURN:
ADJOURNED AT 2:00 PM.
A TRUE RECORD
ATTEST;


Joan D. Poirier, Clerk

Elphaleet Pearson & wife

to

Deacons of the 1st Mm. Cong. Ch.
in Waltham.

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Refer to Comm. Ch.

1000-1000

1000-1000

Know all men by these Presents :

Whereas the undersigned Eliphalet Pearson, & Sarah Pearson, of Waltham, in the State of Massachusetts, by their deed, dated April 6. 1833, recorded with Middlesex Deeds, Book 557, pag. 87, &c, conveyed to Abel B. Richardson & Nehemiah Warren certain land situated in said Waltham, upon special trusts therein set forth for the benefit of the Trinitarian Congregational Church in said Waltham - And Whereas, in consequence of the accidental tearing of the seal from said deed without the assent or knowledge of any party thereto, some question may hereafter arise as to the validity thereof - And whereas, by the Revised Statutes of 1836, the Deacons of Every Church & their successors are made a corporation to hold property in succession, so that the special provisions in such deed for the continuance of the trusteeship are now unnecessary - Now therefore, to confirm the trusts aforesaid, & in further consideration of one dollar to us by them paid, we the said Eliphalet Pearson, & Sarah, (in the right of the said Sarah, wife of the said Eliphalet) do hereby grant, remise, release, & forever quitclaim unto the Deacons of the First Trinitarian Congregational Church in

Waltham & their successors, all that land & buildings in the said deed particularly described, with the appurtenances - To have & hold the same unto the said Deacons of the First Unitarian Congregational Church in Waltham, & their successors & assigns forever - subject to all & singular the uses & trusts set forth in the deed aforesaid, which is to be referred to herewith. In case of a sale of the land under the power, given in said deed, & hereby expressly given to the said Deacons & their successors, the purchaser or purchasers shall take an absolute estate in fee simple therein, discharged of all trusts whatsoever - but the whole net proceeds of such sale shall be thereupon invested as a permanent fund for the benefit of said Church forever, as in said former deed provided.

But it is hereby expressly declared, that the said Ephraim L. Parak reserve unto themselves & their assigns, all the rights, claims, & interest in the premises to them for their joint & several lives assured by a certain lease to them made & delivered by the said Richardson & Warren, simultaneously with, or soon after the execution & delivery of the deed above first described - under which deed they or their assigns have hitherto occupied

and are to occupy the premises during their said lives —
as in said lease set forth, which may be referred to herewith

In testimony whereof, we the said Eliphalet & Sarah
Pearson hereunto set our hands & seals on this ninth day of
March A.D. Eighteen hundred & forty nine.

Signed & Sealed & Delivered Eliphalet Pearson
in presence of
Abad Moore } Sarah ^{her} Pearson
Carrie Pearson } mark

Middlesex Co. March 9th 1849.

Then the said Eliphalet Pearson & Sarah Pearson
personally appeared & acknowledged the above instrument
to be their free act & deed — Before me —

Abad Moore } Just. Sec

Cambridge March 10. 1849. Recd and Recorded with
Middlesex Deeds Book 555. Page 532.

Jr Caleb Hayden Reg

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2) Letter of Authorization

Trinity Church

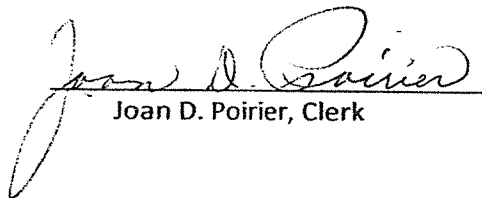


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The Reverend J. Howard Cepelak, Pastor
The Reverend Deacon Allen J. Batchelder

March 22, 2010

I, JOAN D. POIRIER, Clerk of Trinity Church (Formerly First Congregational Church of Waltham, Massachusetts), hereby certify that Dennis Bernhardt, the Moderator of the church, has the authority to sign on behalf of the church on legal matters.



Joan D. Poirier, Clerk

BY-LAWS
Trinity Church
(The First Congregational Church of Waltham)

730 Main Street
Waltham, Massachusetts 02451

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this church is Trinity Church (The First Congregational Church of Waltham) and is located at 730 Main Street in Waltham, Massachusetts. Trinity Church is a tax exempt charitable organization per section 501 C (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE II

Mission

The Mission of Trinity Church of Waltham is three fold:
To worship and to serve God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
To proclaim the gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in the words and actions of our daily living; to bring all people into Christian discipleship through faith, hope and love.

ARTICLE III

Government and Fellowship

This Church is Congregational in its form of government with authority vested in its members. It is accountable to no other ecclesiastical body.

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4) National Register of Historical Places

United States Department of the Interior
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places
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WALTHAM (MRA), MASS.

construction of new factories and expansions of existing plants like the BMC (1873, 1880, 1890, 1901-1911) and Waltham Watch (1888, 1903, 1913).

Major commercial growth continued at Central Square (Area A) and upper Moody Street (Area B) with small-scale neighborhood shopping areas developing elsewhere. It took the form of multi-story masonry blocks until late in the period when one-story blocks came into fashion.

Major public and private institutional growth occurred during this period as well. Construction of municipal buildings began with Waltham's incorporation as a city. These included the Romanesque Revival Lexington Street Fire Station, 25 Lexington Street (1887; Area A), the adjacent Police Station, 23 Lexington Street (1890; Area A), and Fire Department Headquarters, 583 Moody Street (1890; #43), as well as the Waltham High School, 55 School Street (1902; #93) and the Royal Robbins School, 58 Chestnut Street (1901; #45). The most important civic building of the period was the Georgian Revival-style City Hall, 610 Main Street (1924-26; Area A) adjacent to the Common. The Common itself was graced with several statues.

The large number of churches constructed or remodeled during this period reflects both population growth and diversity. Nineteenth century examples include Beth Eden Baptist Church, 82 Maple Street (1888-1891; #44), serving the South Side and Christ Episcopal, 750 Main Street (1897-1898; #107), in Waltham Center. St. Charles Borromeo, Hall and Cushing Streets (1915-1922; #48), was built on the South Side in the 20th century while in the center, the First Congregational Church, 730 Main Street (1870-71/ 1925; #105) was remodeled in 1925, and the old First Parish Church, 87 School Street (#100) was rebuilt in 1932-1933 following a major fire.

Finally, large parts of northern Waltham were reserved as open space during this period. On the Weston line, Stony Brook and Hobbs Brook were dammed in 1887 and 1897 to create Hobbs Brook Basin. This major water supply for the City of Cambridge dominates northern Waltham west of Route 128 (I-95). To the east, establishment of several institutions during this period has also preserved a great deal of open space. From east to west on Trapelo Road, these include the Metropolitan District Commission's Beaverbrook Reservation, the Fernald State School (1887), Metropolitan State Hospital (1930), and Middlesex County Hospital (early 20th century). Bentley College on Forest Street extends the open space further. Brandeis University serves the same function in southeast Waltham. It was founded in 1948 by the Jewish community, and named in honor of Louis Brandeis, the first Jewish Supreme Court justice.

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5) Letters of Support

TRINITY CHURCH

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6) Non-Profit 501(c) (3) Organization Documents

MASSACHUSETTS DEPT. OF REVENUE
PO Box 7010
Chelsea, MA 02150-7010



NAVJEET K. BAL, COMMISSIONER
TERESA O'BRIEN-HORAN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



870C
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
730 MAIN ST
WALTHAM MA 02451-0696

Notice 30048
Exemption
Number 042 133 861
Date 12/01/08
Bureau TSD MGT SERV
Phone (617) 887-6367

Dear Taxpayer,

A review of our records indicates that the Massachusetts sales/use tax exemption for **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**, a tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organization, will expire on **01/04/09**.

The Department of Revenue is issuing this notice in lieu of a new Form St-2, "Certificate of Exemption". The notice verifies that the Massachusetts Department of Revenue has renewed the sales/use tax exemption for **FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH** subject to the conditions stated in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 64H, sections 6(d) or (e), as applicable.

*The organization remains responsible for maintaining its exempt status and for reporting any loss or change of its status to the Department of Revenue. Absent the Department of Revenue's receipt of information from the taxpayer by the expiration date of the current certificate that the entity no longer holds exempt status under the above provisions, the taxpayer's certificate is renewed. **This renewal will expire on 01/04/19.***

The taxpayer's existing Form ST-2, in combination with this renewal notice may be presented as evidence of the entity's continuing exempt status. Provided that this requirement is met, all purchases of tangible personal property by the taxpayer are exempt from sales/use taxation under Chapter 64H or I respectively, to the extent that such property is used in the conduct of the purchaser's business.

Any abuse or misuse of this notice by any tax-exempt organization or any unauthorized use by any individual constitutes a serious violation and will lead to revocation. **Willful misuse of this notice is subject to criminal sanctions of up to one year in prison and \$10,000 in fines (\$50,000 for corporations).**

This notice may be reproduced.

Sincerely,

Navjeet K. Bal
Commissioner of Revenue



Massachusetts
Department of
Revenue

Form ST-2
Certificate of Exemption

Certification is hereby made that the organization herein named is an exempt purchaser under General Laws, Chapter 64H, sections 6(d) and (e). All purchases of tangible personal property by this organization are exempt from taxation under said chapter to the extent that such property is used in the conduct of the business of the purchaser. Any abuse or misuse of this certificate by any tax-exempt organization or any unauthorized use of this certificate by any individual constitutes a serious violation and will lead to revocation. Willful misuse of this Certificate of Exemption is subject to criminal sanctions of up to one year in prison and \$10,000 (\$50,000 for corporations) in fines. (See reverse side.)

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
730 MAIN ST
WALTHAM

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02154

EXEMPTION NUMBER E

042-133-861

ISSUE DATE

01/04/99

CERTIFICATE EXPIRES ON

01/04/04

NOT ASSIGNABLE OR TRANSFERABLE

ACTING COMMISSIONER OF REVENUE

BERNARD F. CROWLEY JR.

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8) Authorization of Treasurer to oversee Spending

Trinity Church



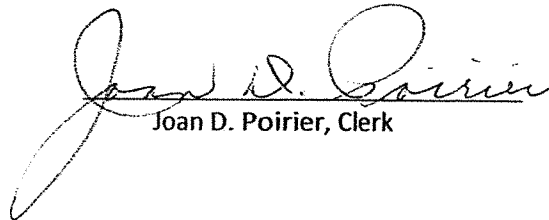
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Joan D. Poirier, Clerk

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9) Competitive Bids

Trinity Church

Summary: Bids on Roof Replacement:

NOTE: Each of these bids has contingencies for unforeseen conditions that would necessitate up-charges.

Key:

1 = Slate

2 = Imitation slate

3 = Asphalt shingle

Contractor # 1

1 - \$273,460 2 - \$253,500 3 - \$211,360

Contractor # 2

1 - \$399,550 2 - \$269,595 3 - \$179,790

Contractor # 3

1 - \$384,450 2 - \$333,450 3 - \$288,950

Contractor # 4

1 - \$229,000 2 - \$214,400 3 - \$185,400

Contractor # 5

1 - \$265,125 2 - No bid 3 - \$129,125

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10) Attempts at other sources of funds

**C. F. ADAMS CHARITABLE TRUST
141 TREMONT STREET, SUITE 200
BOSTON, MA 02111-1209**

January 29, 2009

Ms. Jeannette L. Tibbetts
Trinity Church
730 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02451

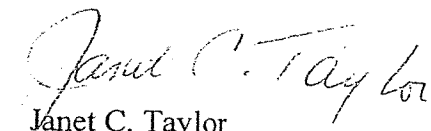
Dear Ms. Tibbetts:

I am writing in response to your inquiry about funding from the C. F. Adams Charitable Trust. I regret to advise you that we are unable to provide the support you seek for the needed restoration work.

The C. F. Adams Trust is mainly focused on two areas of grantmaking: the Downeast region of Maine and children's mental health here in Massachusetts. We also make very limited grants related to the Adams family legacy because the donor was a direct descendant of the two Presidents. You may have found the Trust listed as interested in historic preservation because of the Adams work but it is restricted to that narrow focus.

You may view our website at www.cfadamstrust.org to review a fuller description of our grantmaking program. We extend best wishes for success in meeting your goals.

Sincerely,


Janet C. Taylor
Managing Trustee

ARTHUR ASHLEY WILLIAMS FOUNDATION
P.O. BOX 6280
HOLLISTON, MASSACHUSETTS 01746

December 1, 2008

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(aka The First Congregational Church of Waltham)
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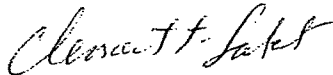
Dear Dennis:

The Arthur Ashley Williams Foundation held a meeting of the Trustees on November 20, 2008. In the course of the meeting, a number of grant requests were Considered.

The Trustees reviewed your request for a grant and, unfortunately, we regret to inform you that your grant request was not approved for funding at this time Along with a number of other worth-while grants.

If you wish, you may resubmit your request to the Foundation for consideration again in the future.

Very truly yours,



Clement T. Lambert
Treasurer/Manager

CTL/al

THE DICKINSON FAMILY FOUNDATION
c/o Gramkow, Carnevale and Seifert
2 Forest Avenue
Oradell, NJ 07649

Jeannette L. Tibbetts
Trinity Church
730 Main St..
Waltham, MA 02451


January 9, 2009

Dear Ms. Tibbetts,

We regret that we will be unable to support Trinity Church with a grant at this time. We are a small foundation and are simply unable to support every organization that submits a proposal, worthy though it may be. We will keep your information on file.

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Yours very truly,


Ann B. Dickinson
Secretary



Margaret H. Morton
Senior Vice President
Foundation Programs

November 18, 2008

Ms. Jeannette L. Tibbetts
Trinity Church
730 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02451

Dear Ms. Tibbetts:

In response to your recent request, I regret to inform you that the Fidelity Foundation is unable to provide funding. The Foundation receives numerous applications for funding each year and is unable to respond favorably in every case.

Although the Fidelity Foundation has declined your request for support, we wish you success in your fundraising efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Margaret H. Morton".
MHM/tw

cc: Mary Fandel
Tom Lewis

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December 17, 2008

Jeannette L. Tibbetts
Trinity Church
730 Main Street
730 Watham, MA 02451


Dear Ms. Tibbetts,

We are in receipt of the your letter of inquiry regarding possible grant funding and dated December 4, 2008 that you sent to the Elmina B. Sewall Foundation care of our treasurer, William E. Curran, on behalf of the Trinity Church located in Massachusetts.

The Foundation completed its grant cycle for its 2007-2008 fiscal year which ended in September and will not be making additional grants until next year. Our Board of Directors has recently embarked on a long-range planning process to develop a grantmaking strategy that will guide the Foundation in the future. Our hope is to complete this process by next spring when our 2009 grantmaking cycle will get underway. We may develop a new set of grantmaking criteria based on the results of the strategic planning process. As we know more about the direction of the Foundation and plans for future grantmaking, we will be posting that information on a new website and sharing it with prospective grantees.

Bearing that all in mind, please find a copy of our current Mission Statement and Grantmaking Guidelines for your reference. Though your organization efforts support an honorable cause, you will see that your program does not truly fit within the parameters of the grantmaking guidelines of the Foundation. As such, we regret that we are unable to respond to your unsolicited appeal with grant funding, however we wish your organization the best in its' admirable efforts to help preserve the history of the Trinity Church in Waltham, Massachusetts.

Sincerely,


Jay Espy
Executive Director

Enclosure