

Waltham Historical Commission
610 Main Street
Waltham, MA 02452

January 10, 2013

To:
Community Preservation Commission
Mr. William Durkee, Manager

Dear Mr. Durkee,

I write to you regarding the forthcoming application for CPA funding presented by Mayor McCarthy for the continued renovation of the Wellington House, 785 Trapelo Road, Waltham, Massachusetts. As you are aware, the CPC has previously, graciously appropriated funds for a multi-stage restoration of this vitally important historic asset to the City of Waltham. Those funds have allowed for the substantial renovation, and ultimate salvation, of one of the last remaining architectural examples of its kind in New England.

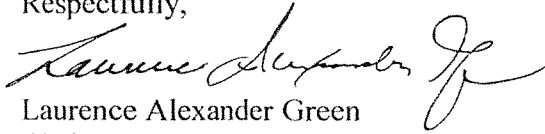
This project has been undertaken with support and oversight by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth. Through that process, we have balanced the financial and historical capital requirements of this project, receiving directives and plans from some of the most trusted historical restoration experts in the region. At the same time, we have actively sought outside support in matching gifts from the North Bennett Street School in order to mitigate cost while obtaining the most expert restoration of key elements of the house.

We are deeply cognizant that this has been a lengthy process, but it is one that has required careful, thoughtful, multi-stage consideration, so as to provide a restoration that will last in perpetuity for the citizens of Waltham. Few properties in our city could be more worth that consideration. William Wellington, original owner of the house, was a prominent figure in the colonial history of Waltham. The home has a central role in Waltham's history from that juncture through its time as a superintendent's house for the Middlesex County Hospital, a critical part of the long tradition of medical and scientific innovation in the City of Waltham.

Mayor McCarthy's proposal requests funds to enact the expert recommendations of Ms. Sarah Chase, preservationist, under the direct oversight of one of the most trusted restoration architectural firms in the Commonwealth – a firm with which the City of Waltham has had a productive, positive relationship on other sensitive historical restorations at the Paine Estate. We trust that with the appropriation of these funds, the firm will exceed the expectations and requirements of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, and return to its place as a landmark property in one of the most historically important districts in our city.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, and thank you for your time, consideration, and ongoing support for this vital project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Laurence Alexander Green', followed by a large, stylized flourish.

Laurence Alexander Green

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