



City of Waltham

Jeannette A. McCarthy
Mayor

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TO: The City Council
RE: Portrait of Robert Treat Paine

Dear Councillors:

I respectfully request acceptance of a gift of a large portrait of Robert Treat Paine from the Episcopal Divinity School of Cambridge, Massachusetts.
Enclosed please find an e-mail from Rev. Dr. William C. Nelsen.

I am available to answer any questions you may have regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Jeannette A. McCarthy

JAM/tbm

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cc: Rev. Dr. William C. Nelsen
Catherine Cagle

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Casey-Brenner, Colette

From: William Nelsen <wnelsen@eds.edu>
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 4:14 PM
To: Mayor
Cc: Edward Stanley; Edward Nilsson; Jane Wagner; Clifford, Ann
Subject: RE: Portrait of Robert Treat Paine

Mayor McCarthy,

Thank you for your prompt response. Let us know when we might be able to deliver the portrait.

With best wishes,

Bill

From: Mayor [mailto:mayor@city.waltham.ma.us]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 4:06 PM
To: William Nelsen <wnelsen@eds.edu>
Cc: aclifford@city.waltham.ma.us; Edward Stanley <edwardmstanley@comcast.net>; Edward Nilsson <enilsson@nsaarch.com>; Jane Wagner <JWagner@eds.edu>
Subject: RE: Portrait of Robert Treat Paine

Bill,

Thank you. I will send to City Council to accept the gift.

Sincerely,
Jeannette A. McCarthy

From: William Nelsen [mailto:wnelsen@eds.edu]
Sent: Thursday, June 07, 2018 3:10 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@city.waltham.ma.us>
Cc: aclifford@city.waltham.ma.us; Edward Stanley <edwardmstanley@comcast.net>; Edward Nilsson <enilsson@nsaarch.com>; Jane Wagner <JWagner@eds.edu>
Subject: Portrait of Robert Treat Paine

To: Jeannette A. McCarthy, Mayor, City of Waltham

Dear Mayor McCarthy:

As I mentioned to your very helpful Assistant, Episcopal Divinity School is preparing to move our academic operations to New York City in accord with an affiliation agreement we have formed with Union Theological Seminary. As a result, we are selling property and seeking to either sell or find the best places for a good number of our long-held art and artifacts.

One important piece that we have held for over a century is a large, excellent portrait of Robert Treat Paine. Attached you will find a photo of the portrait. We hold this portrait, because Robert Treat Paine was President of the Board of Trustees of the Episcopal Theological School (ETS) from 1889 to 1910, an important part of his outstanding work for

educational institutions and charities in the Boston area. ETS was founded in Cambridge in 1868 and merged with an Episcopal seminary that moved from Philadelphia in 1974, to create the present Episcopal Divinity School.

The appraiser for our art and artifact collection describes this portrait as in good condition, with the frame also in good condition. The painting measures 50 X 40 inches and the frame 59 X 49 inches.

We would be willing to donate this important item to the City of Waltham for Stonehurst, the Robert Treat Paine Estate. We would appreciate knowing soon if you are interested in receiving the portrait. Otherwise, it may become part of a sale process during this month of June, because of the value of both the painting and the large frame. We would also be willing to deliver the portrait to Stonehurst.

I look forward to hearing from you. With best wishes for your important service to the people of Waltham,

Bill Nelsen

Rev. Dr. William C. Nelsen
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BOSTON MUSEUM OF
FINE ARTS
1910-1911


Casey-Brenner, Colette

Paine Estate

From: Waters, Robert
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 8:34 AM
To: Mayor
Cc: Clifford, Ann
Subject: RE: Delivery of Portrait of Robert Treat Paine

Ann is at the Paine Estate today and will accept delivery.
Bob

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 4:25 PM
To: Waters, Robert <rwaters@city.waltham.ma.us>
Cc: William Nelsen <wnelsen@eds.edu>
Subject: FW: Delivery of Portrait of Robert Treat Paine

Bob,

Can you please make sure someone will be there tomorrow to accept the portrait.

Thank you,
JAM

From: William Nelsen [<mailto:wnelsen@eds.edu>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 27, 2018 3:56 PM
To: Mayor <mayor@city.waltham.ma.us>
Cc: Jane Wagner <JWagner@eds.edu>; orangejim day <orangejim@hotmail.com>
Subject: Delivery of Portrait of Robert Treat Paine

Dear Mayor Jeannette,

We have rented a van and made arrangements to transport the large portrait of Robert Treat Paine to Stonehurst tomorrow (Thursday) at about 2:15 p.m. According their website Stonehurst is supposed to be open from 12 noon to 3:00 p.m., but I have had a difficult time trying to reach anyone at the estate. It would be good if someone at Stonehurst could be notified that we are coming.

Please let us know if my information is incorrect.

With many thanks.

Bill

Rev. Dr. William C. Nelsen
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