



## Wellesley Historical Commission

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February 11, 2015

Ms. Barbara McMahon, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
via email

**RE: WHC Support of Library CPC Request for Second Hills Branch Chimney**

Dear Ms. McMahon:

On behalf of the Wellesley Historical Commission (WHC), I write to inform the Community Preservation Committee that at the February 10, 2015 WHC meeting, representatives from the Board of Library Trustees presented their proposed CPC application for the funding of due diligence on the South Chimney Wall of the Hills Branch Library Building. As you are aware, the Hills Branch Library is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and is one of the most historically significant buildings in Wellesley.

The WHC voted unanimously to support the Board of Library Trustees' request for \$2,750 for the engagement of a historic preservationist to conduct this due diligence. The WHC believes that the proposal is reasonable, that the use of CPC historic preservation funds is appropriate, and that the work is time-sensitive.

The WHC also applauds the Board of Library Trustees for proactively identifying potential structural issues before those issues become more extensive (and likely more costly to repair). Such efforts help ensure that this important Wellesley landmark will continue to play a central role in the community for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Tad Heuer, Chair  
Wellesley Historical Commission