

Full Application for CPA Funding

Submit to: Community Preservation Committee

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Name of Proposal	Belvedere Abbott Road sign	Date	November 23, 2009

CPA Category

Open Space
 Historic Preservation
 Recreation
 Community Housing

CPA Funding Requested \$ 6,000 Total Cost of Proposed Project \$ 6,000

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: In describing the project, please include detailed answers to the following questions. Applications will be returned as incomplete if all relevant requested information is not provided. Include supporting materials and exhibits as necessary.

1. Goals: What are the goals and purposes of the proposed project? Who will benefit and why? How will success be measured?

To restore and install an historic hand carved street sign originally located at the beginning of Abbott Road at Washington Street. The sign announced the entrance to Abbott Road and identified the direction to the Belvedere Estates (now called the Country Club area). "Belvedere" translates from Italian to mean "beautiful to see," an appropriate name for a

2. Community Need: Why is this project needed? Does it address needs identified in existing Town plans?

Wellesley is rapidly losing historic landmarks. The Belvedere Abbott Road sign is a vestige of an era (1920's) that built public buildings with character giving the town its reputation as a special suburb. Other buildings from that period include a number of elementary schools, the Sprague Clock Tower,

3. Community Support: What is the nature and level of support and/or opposition for this project?

The abutters, Boston Private Bank and the Bank of America, enthusiastically support the idea of replacing the sign. Other neighbors have not been approached for

4. Budget: What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified and back-up documentation provided. Distinguish between hard and soft costs. (NOTE: CPA funds may NOT be used for maintenance.) Include a multiple-year budget, if appropriate.

The cost to restore and replace is estimated at \$6,000. The restored sign estimate of \$ 4,995 is a proposal by the highly recommended Hammersmith Studio, quality restorers of ironwork in Concord. The estimated cost of approximately \$ 1,000 covers the installation of the sign by the Wellesley Highway Dept. There are three parts to the sign: the post,

5. Funding: What funding sources are available, committed or under consideration? Include commitment letters, and describe any other attempts to secure public or private funding for this project.

Boston Private Bank is considering a donation to the cause. Bank of America is unable to at this time. Other than that, there are no other sources of funding other than what is being requested from the CPC. There are no plans to seek funding elsewhere. Rejection by CPC would retire the project for this applicant. It is important

6. Time line: What is the schedule for project implementation, including a time line for all critical elements? This should include the time line for expenditures, receipt of other funds and/or other revenues, if any.

Following the approval at the ATM it is estimated the sign replacement will take about six months with the installation completed in 2010.

7. Implementation: Who will be responsible for implementing the project? Who will the project manager be? What relevant experience does the proposed project manager have? Who else will be involved in project implementation and what arrangements have been made with them?

I would be happy to coordinate this project for the town. I am an interested neighbor and long-time resident, owner of a family printing business which in 2009 is celebrating our eightieth year of doing business in Wellesley. I am past present of the Wellesley Historical Society (1987-1992). Also, I would be pleased to

8. Maintenance: If ongoing maintenance is required, who will be responsible and how will it be funded? Please include a detailed five year budget.

The Highway Department has agreed to install the sign and the Director of Wellesley's Department of Public Works is aware of the responsibility for its upkeep as part of normal sidewalk and road maintenance. No special funding is expected.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Provide the following additional information, if applicable.

9. Further Documentation: Documentation that you have control over the site, such as a Purchase and Sale Agreement, option or deed.

The site is under the control of the Wellesley Highway Department.

10. Feasibility Reports: Any feasibility reports, renderings or other relevant studies and materials

A newspaper article from the 1970's documents previous repairs. The carved date (10/21/95) on the current post indicates when it was last replaced 

11. Historical Preservation: documentation that the proposed project meets at least one of the Wellesley Historical Commission's three conditions for funding.

The Wellesley Historical Commission has issued a letter of support (November 12, 2009) which qualifies the sign as historic: "The property, site, document or artifact has been determined by the Wellesley Historical Commission to be significant in the history, archaeology, architecture or culture of the Town." 

12. Zoning Compliance: Evidence that the project does not violate any zoning by-laws or any other laws or regulations, including environmental, and/or plans to obtain necessary approvals.

This is a replacement sign. According to the Planning Board it is a "street sign" and not regulated by the Zoning Bylaw. It is controlled by the Highway Department under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

13. Basis of Eligibility for CPA Funds: By State Statute, the Town may expend Community Preservation funds to

- Acquire, create, and preserve open space.
- Acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources.
- Acquire, create and preserve land for recreational use.
- Acquire, create, preserve and support community housing, including provide funds for the community's affordable housing trust fund.
- Rehabilitate and restore open space, land for recreational use and community housing acquired or created with fund monies.

Please describe the basis under which the proposed project qualifies.

This request falls under "Acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources" for the reasons stated above.

Other Information: Any additional information that might benefit the CPC in consideration of this project, including information which is responsive to the CPC's Decision Guidelines and is not otherwise covered in this Application. The Decision Guidelines are set forth in the "Overview" section of the Community Preservation Plan which appears in the CPC Webpage at www.wellesleyma.gov.

A copy of the Hammersmith Studios estimate and description is attached along with a photo of the sign in place (before July, 2009) and a photo of it stored in the Highway Department yards (after July 2009)