



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

City of Newburyport
Community Preservation Committee

Applications for funding are due by **Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.** with the Community Preservation Committee, c/o Office of Planning and Development, City Hall, 60 Pleasant St., Newburyport MA 01950.

Application Instructions:

Applicants should file ten (10) paper copies and one electronic copy of the completed application and all accompanying documents.

Applications should be stapled or clipped. Bound applications are not required.

Please be mindful of extraneous paper.

PROJECT NAME: Bartlet Mall Frog Pond Improvements

PROJECT ADDRESS: Bartlet Mall, Newburyport, MA 01950

MAP/LOT: 35-160

APPLICANT NAME: City of Newburyport Parks Commission & Department

(Group or Committee Affiliation)

CONTACT PERSON: Kimberly Turner, Parks Commission Chair

Lisë Reid, CPSI, Parks Director

TELEPHONE/FAX NO.: 781-632-6004 & 978-465-4462

ADDRESS: 60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

EMAIL: duffykt@gmail.com & lreid@cityofnewburyport.com

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION CATEGORY:

(Please check all that apply)

- Open Space**
- Historic Resource**
- Affordable Housing***
- Recreation**

* Applicants seeking Affordable Housing funds must attend a Newburyport Affordable Housing Trust meeting to review and discuss their application. This review must occur prior to the Community Preservation Committee deliberations.

The Committee may require, as a condition for funding, that the applicant grant to the City or other authorized grantee certain restrictions, including: preservation restrictions on rehabilitated or acquired historic resources, conservation restrictions on preserved or acquired lands, and deed restrictions on affordable housing projects. If applicable, the restriction shall be recorded at the Southern Essex Registry of Deeds.

PROJECT SUMMARY: Provide a description of the Project, including the property involved and its proposed use.

The Bartlet Mall dates back to the 1600s, when Colonial settlers used the area as a place to water and graze livestock. In the 1700s it was a place for industry (primarily rope-making) and training for militias that would go on to fight in the Revolutionary War. In 1802, the Mall transformed from a place of industry to one for beauty and pleasure exclusively. The historic Superior Court building, constructed in 1805, sits at the edge of the Bartlet Mall and is one of the oldest active courthouses in the country today. Charles Bullfinch, the architect who designed the Massachusetts State House in Boston, also designed the Superior Court Building. Both it and the mall joined the ranks of the National Register of Historic places in 1976.

In 1887, citizens of Newburyport founded the Mall Improvement Association and engaged Charles Eliot, a seminal American figure in Landscape Architecture, to design the Bartlet Mall. Eliot was trained by Frederick Law Olmsted and became his partner. Eliot's design featured precise land forms and a planting plan utilizing spaced trees in rows with high canopies, allowing for long vistas, with no colorful, distracting flower or shrub layers. Both the specifically angled sloped edges and formal tree spacing provide for a rhythm and pattern that make the park exceptional. The Frog Pond, a natural kettle hole that was created when the glaciers receded over 11,000 years ago, has been the Park's crown jewel, and a resource for the City for over 200 years, first for farming, then for fire suppression, then for recreation and quiet contemplation. It is in need of attention now.

Although most of the park looks similarly as it did over 100 years ago, a few of Eliot's recommendations for the Bartlet Mall never came to fruition. These include a stable edge at the perimeter of the pond. We aim to not only restore what once was, but to complete the original vision of the park. The pond is also experiencing frequent algal blooms and is in need of a larger water cleanup project, of which we would like to lay the groundwork now, with the help of the CPC.

The Parks Commission and Parks Department are requesting funding for the first of several phases to breathe life back into the Bartlet Mall Frog Pond. This project has reached a critical point, requiring immediate attention, as the algal blooms in the pond have increased in duration, toxicity and frequency over the past few years and may pose a health risk to small animals, wildlife and people. We are currently requesting funding to complete the following three items:

1. A bathymetric survey. This survey will provide us with the contours of the bottom of the Frog Pond, extending out 30' from the edge, and will assist us in the work we will require in future phases of the project.
2. Two shallow wells to provide irrigation to the Park and eventually provide a clean source of water to fill and maintain the Frog Pond at a consistent level, without the need to tap into City water resources.
3. Acquisition of granite stones which will eventually create a coping around portions of the perimeter of the pond, stabilizing the edge while also providing a funding source for the remainder of the project. These stones will be engraved with a history of the park as well as donor names which will support the completion of future phases of Bartlet Mall restoration plan. If the Conservation Commission rejects the use of these stones around the pond edge, they will be used in other parts of the Park as a means to fundraise and educate the public on the history of the Mall.

PUBLIC BENEFIT: Describe in detail the benefits Newburyport will receive from the Project and how the Project fulfills the Community Preservation Committee's Project Evaluation Criteria.

There are few residents of Newburyport who do not consider the Bartlet Mall to be one of the most beloved landmark parks within our City. "If lovely High Street can be called the diadem when it comes to highways, the fairest gem in the crown of magnificence is the Bartlet Mall," wrote Charles Somerby on July 8, 1944. Whether you are a child who has played at the playground or an adult who has walked the boulevard to town or strolled around the Frog Pond, you know how stunning this park is in all seasons. There is a reason the Bartlet Mall has hosted annual events for generations: it is a true gem for our City that supports community connectivity and quality of life for both residents and visitors alike. While it is beautiful in its own right, the Bartlet Mall also represents a rich history (geological, military, industrial, civic, and architectural) that should be protected into the future. Not only does the Park host one of the oldest active Superior Courthouses in the nation, it is one of the oldest public grounds in the City, and both are listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Additionally it is one of few natural features which retain its general configuration in a manner which is readily recognizable when compared with the earliest maps, or by extension to the landscape familiar to pre-colonial residents. Since the late 1800's, the Bartlet Mall has seen several waves of stewards who have fought to protect its history and resources to support community quality of life. However, it has suffered decline in recent years and deserves to be brought back to its former glory, while supporting the needs of its present day users. As a necessary first step, the water quality of the pond needs to be addressed swiftly and effectively in order to prevent complete collapse.

This project meets the criteria of three categories of the CPC considerations: 1. Enhancement of open space, 2. Preservation of an historic asset, and 3. Support of recreation. This project is consistent with the 2017 Newburyport Master Plan Goal NR-2 'To maintain a high quality of parks, recreational areas, trails and other open spaces that are safe, attractive, preserve historic resources, and provide a range of active and passive recreational opportunities for all residents and visitors.' The project also satisfies the Master Plan Goal CR-5 'To promote and support an increased level of preservation to protect Newburyport's historic built environment for future generations.' One could not conjure a better suited project to preserve our historic legacy while supporting a wide range of recreational activities.

This project also satisfies all three of the goals of the 2020 Open Space and Recreation Plan: Goal 1: 'To protect lands of public conservation and recreational interest including: Newburyport's defining scenic heritage landscapes; areas that provide essential wildlife habitat and ecosystems, water protection, and flood management... and areas that support a variety of recreational activities.' The richness of the history of this park deserves our most focused attention, and restoration of its pond will help support and protect local wildlife.

Goal 2: 'To maintain and improve high quality parks and recreational areas which are safe, attractive, and provide a range of active and passive recreational opportunities for all residents.' This park not only provides ample recreation for walkers, playground goers, and basketball players, but also has the potential to once again bring boating activity back to the pond.

Goal 3: 'To improve access to, connections between, and awareness of public open space and recreation areas.' This park provides an important connection between residential areas and

our thriving downtown. Sited along High Street, just west of State Street, it is a gateway to our downtown.

CONTROL OF SITE: Indicate whether the applicant owns or has a purchase agreement for the Project site. If the property is under agreement, include a description of the agreement and the timing and conditions. If the applicant does not have site control, explain.

The City of Newburyport, applicant, is the owner of this park. The park is under the jurisdiction of the Parks Commission.

FEASIBILITY: List all steps that may be required for completion of the Project, such as environmental assessment, zoning or other approvals, agreement on terms of any required conservation, affordability or historic preservation restrictions, and any other known issues. For projects that may impact abutters or the neighborhood, describe support or objections from those affected.

Prior to the Parks Commission’s approval of the Bartlet Mall restoration project, the former Bartlet Mall Commission also approved this restoration project at a joint session of the two Commissions. The work outlined in this phase of the project may require Conservation Commission approval for the digging of the wells (we have begun that conversation), but the remainder of the work is jurisdictional to the Parks Commission.

PROJECT TIMELINE: Describe the anticipated steps or phases for completion of the Project. Demonstrate whether the Project will be ready to proceed in the coming fiscal year.

This phase of the project (survey and well digging) may proceed immediately and be completed before the winter of 2021, pending funding. The stones will be stockpiled for engraving and install as the larger water quality project progresses.

FUNDING:

A. **Amount of Newburyport Community Preservation Funding Requested:**
\$ 186,035

B. **Other Sources of Funding Available:** If funding from other sources may be available for the Project, please complete the following table:

SOURCE OF FUNDING	AMOUNT REQUESTED	STATUS (COMMITTED Y/N IF NOT-WHEN)	CONTINGENT ON CP FUNDS (Y/N)

ATTACHMENTS:

Include the following with ALL copies of the application:

- Assessor's map showing location of the Project
- Photographs
- Recent written estimates of cost with detailed scope of work
- Proposed oversight and management plan for the Project
- If the project involves public property, provide verification that the applicable public agency or department supports the project as presented and will oversee the project if funded. **(Applicable agency is applicant)**
- Historic resources include buildings, structures, vessel real properties, documents or artifacts that are listed or eligible for listing on the state register of historic place or determined to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the city by the local historic preservation commission. If the project involves a historic resource, please provide evidence (date of listing on the state register or a letter from the Newburyport Historical Commission confirming its determination of significance) with the application that it meets these criteria

Include the following, if applicable and available:

- Architectural plans and specifications, for new construction or rehabilitation
- Maps, renderings, site plans
- Historic structures report, existing conditions report
- Names and addresses of project architects, contractors and consultants
- Budgets
- Letters of Support

Attach additional sheets as necessary to answer all questions.

YOU MAY BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

For questions contact: Office of Planning and Development
Newburyport City Hall
planning@cityofnewburyport.com
(978) 465-4400



Assessor's Map

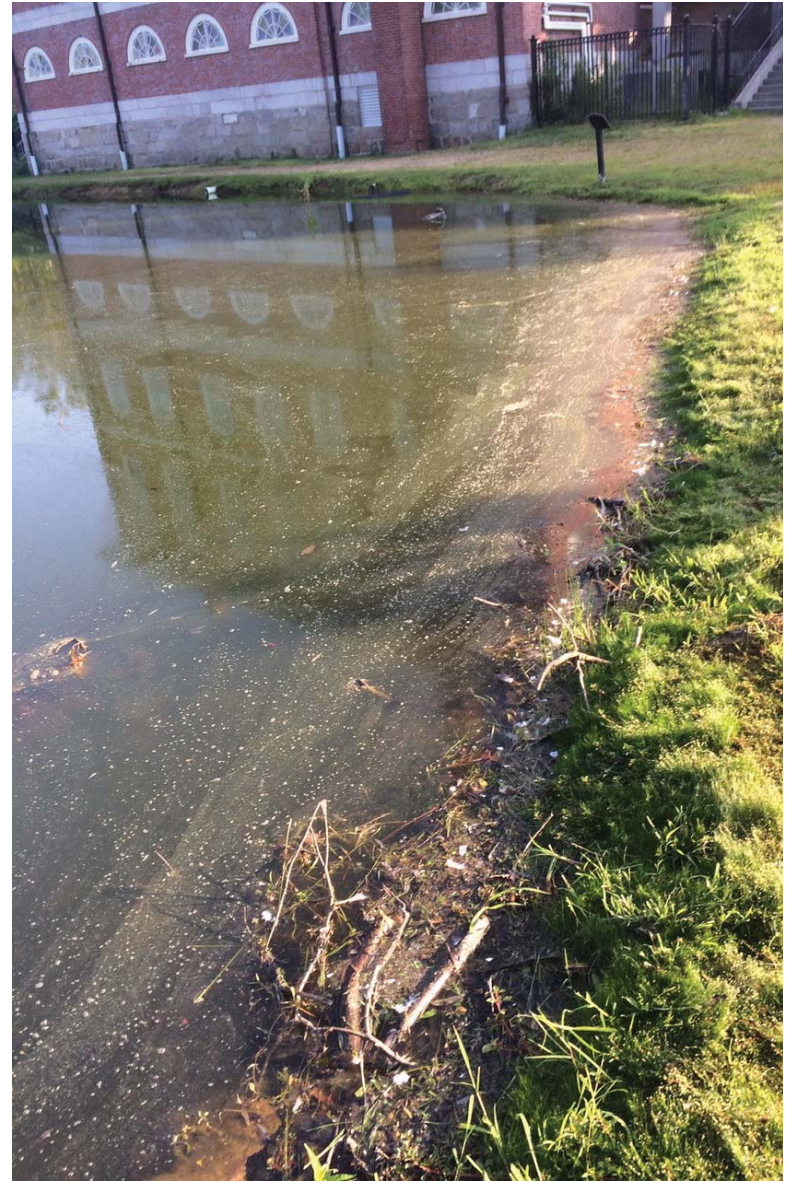
Bartlet Mall Frog Pond Improvements





Historic & site photographs

Bartlet Mall Frog Pond Improvements



Lack of an edge is compromising surrounding walkways. Water should be kept at a constant level with well and outlet.



Inspiration image of a new pond edge: granite that can be inscribed with donor names/history of the Mall

Cost estimates:

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Bathymetric survey = | \$13,812 |
| 2. Wells (2) = | \$40,200 |
| 3. Edging stone (300 lf)= | \$132,023 |

TOTAL = \$186,035



Estimate

CR ENVIRONMENTAL, INC.
 639 Boxberry Hill Road
 EAST FALMOUTH, MA 02536

DATE	ESTIMATE NO.
1/28/2021	2291

NAME / ADDRESS
Kimberly Turner

PROJECT
Frog Pond Bathymet...

DESCRIPTION	QTY	COST	TOTAL
CR Environmental, Inc. 639 Boxberry Hill Rd, East Falmouth, MA 02536			
2021 BATHYMETRIC AND SEDIMENT THICKNESS SURVEY FROG POND NEWBURYPORT, MA (Preliminary Costs)			
MOBILIZATION/PLANNING			
CR Project Manager (Management)	2	104.00	208.00
Senior Oceanographic Technician/Captain (Equipment Mob/travel)	4	80.00	320.00
SUBTOTAL			528.00
BATHYMETRIC SEDIMENT DEPTH SURVEY OPERATION/DEMOB (1 day)			
Senior Hydrographer (Survey)	12	109.00	1,308.00
Senior Oceanographic Technician/Captain (Survey)	12	80.00	960.00
12 FT Aluminum Survey Boat	1	150.00	150.00
Hemisphere RTK GPS	1	300.00	300.00
Navigation Software (HYPACK)	1	75.00	75.00
Odom Hydrographics Echotrac CV100 Echosounder	1	100.00	100.00
Sontek Castaway CTD	1	50.00	50.00
Water Level Recorder	1	25.00	25.00
Sediment Probing System	1	50.00	50.00
GMC Truck Rental	1	100.00	100.00
Travel Expenses (Food & Lodging)	1	200.00	200.00
Travel Expenses (Meals Only)	1	50.00	50.00
Truck/Car mileage	300	0.56	168.00
Expendable Supplies	1	50.00	50.00
SUBTOTAL			3,586.00
		TOTAL	

Phone #	Fax #
508 563-7970	508 563-7970

Web Site
www.crenvironmental.com



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 639 Boxberry Hill Road
 EAST FALMOUTH, MA 02536

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PROJECT
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DESCRIPTION	QTY	COST	TOTAL
BATHYMETRIC DATA PROCESSING AND REPORTING			
Senior Environmental Scientist (Report Review/Data QA)	4	109.00	436.00
Senior Hydrographer (Bathymetric, Sediment Depth Data Processing)	16	109.00	1,744.00
Senior Hydrographer (Reporting)	8	109.00	872.00
SUBTOTAL			3,052.00
TOTAL BATHYMETRIC/SEDIMENT DEPTH SURVEY			7,166.00
OPTIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SURVEY			
CR Project Manager	2	104.00	208.00
Senior Hydrographer	12	109.00	1,308.00
Senior Oceanographic Technician	12	80.00	960.00
Senior Hydrographer (Data Processing)	24	109.00	2,616.00
Senior Hydrographer (Reporting)	4	109.00	436.00
RTK GPS System	1	300.00	300.00
Drone	1	100.00	100.00
Metashape Software	3	100.00	300.00
GMC Truck Rental	1	100.00	100.00
Truck/Car mileage	300	0.56	168.00
Travel Expenses	2	50.00	100.00
Miscellaneous Hardware/Supplies	1	50.00	50.00
SUBTOTAL			6,646.00
		TOTAL	\$13,812.00

Phone #	Fax #
508 563-7970	508 563-7970

Web Site
www.crenvironmental.com

Reliable Well And Pump, LLC

39 Tomahawk Drive
Tewksbury, MA 01876

Phone # 978-967-9060 reliablewellandpump@verizon.net

Estimate

Date	Estimate #
10/6/2020	1615

Name / Address
Rich Lawson Viera Artesian Well

Ship To

Terms	Project

Item	Description	Total
Install	Pump system quote for 500' bedrock wells for town of Newburyport to produce 50 GPM @ 75 PSI	8,400.00
Install	10 HP Franklin electric 230 volt single phase motor and 50 GPM wet end with deluxe control box and pump start relay	5,750.00
Install	480' 2' Galvanized drop pipe	3,250.00
Install	500' #2 Flat double jacketed wire	1,500.00
Install	2" HD pitiless 2" pressure reducer and winter blow off at well and HD well cap	1,200.00
Install	Install 2 men with hoist truck one day to install	
Signature _____		
Total		\$20,100.00

Note: double price for 2 wells



FLETCHER GRANITE CURB, LLC

535 Groton Rd.
Westford, MA 01886
Tel 978-692-1312
Fax 978-692-1325

PROPOSAL & AGREEMENT

PROPOSAL NO.: **21-057**

Rev. 3 - 1/29/21

DATE: January 26, 2021
ATTN: Chuck Griffin
COMPANY: City of Newburyport
ADDRESS:

PROJECT: Bartlet Mall Frog Pond
LOCATION: Newburyport, MA
EMAIL: cgriffin@ega.net
PHONE: 978-457-3526

FAX: CELL:

BID DATE 1/26/2021

TERMS 25% Deposit due at acceptance of proposal. Progressive billing for balance of project.

FOB Plant

MATERIAL TYPE & FINISH **Deer Isle® - Sawn**

APPROXIMATE SHIP DATE To Accommodate Construction Schedule, Pending Customer Approval

REFERENCE: Per the sizes and quantities listed below.

	YES	NO
DEMURRAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
UNLOADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TAXES (If Applicable to be Included on Invoice)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BOND	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SHOP DRAWINGS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
SHOP TICKETS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ANCHORS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12" x 12" SAMPLES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
MOCK-UP	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TEST DATA-HISTORICAL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ANCHOR CALC'S/ENG.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ATTIC STOCK	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TESTING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TEST SPECIMENS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FIELD MEASURING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ANCHOR DESIGN	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ANCHOR SHOP DWG'S	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
INSTALLATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
FIELD CUTTING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BACKUP SYSTEMS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
N.B.G.Q.A. STANDARDS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
LIQUIDATED DAMAGES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

SCOPE	PCS.	SF	CF
	100	1,500.0	2,250.0
6'-0" long x 2'-6" high x 1'-6" wide Blocks - Sawn on all sides			
TOTAL			\$ 257,295.00
15 Deliveries to 153 Auburn St., Newburyport, MA			
DELIVERY TOTAL			\$ 6,750.00

NOTE: Trucking rates are subject to change based on current market rate.
Credit card charges of \$5000.00 and over will be charged a 2.5% processing fee.

SIGNED: David Darlington

ACCEPTED BY:

David Darlington 2-1-21
Fletcher Granite Curb, LLC DATE

BUYER DATE

This Proposal & Agreement incorporates all of the terms and conditions and shall be binding upon and enforceable against the Buyer. This Proposal is valid for 30 days and is a binding agreement when executed and signed by Fletcher Granite Curb, LLC, however, Buyer by acceptance of the first delivery of material will be deemed to have accepted the terms and conditions herein, regardless of whether this document has been executed by Buyer.

NOTES: If applicable, dunnage to be added to proposal at \$5.00 each to be determined at time of shipment.
We cannot load SUV's. You must bring a pick up truck or larger to receive material.

Request for 50% this amount, or 300 linear feet (1/4 of the pond perimeter)

Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

Scanned Record Cover Page

Inventory No:	NWB.J
Historic Name:	Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall
Common Name:	
Address:	
City/Town:	Newburyport
Village/Neighborhood:	
Local No:	
Year Constructed:	
Architect(s):	
Architectural Style(s):	
Use(s):	Other Institutional
Significance:	Architecture; Politics Government
Area(s):	
Designation(s):	Nat'l Register District (04/30/1976)
Building Materials(s):	

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Available

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FORM A - AREA SURVEY

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

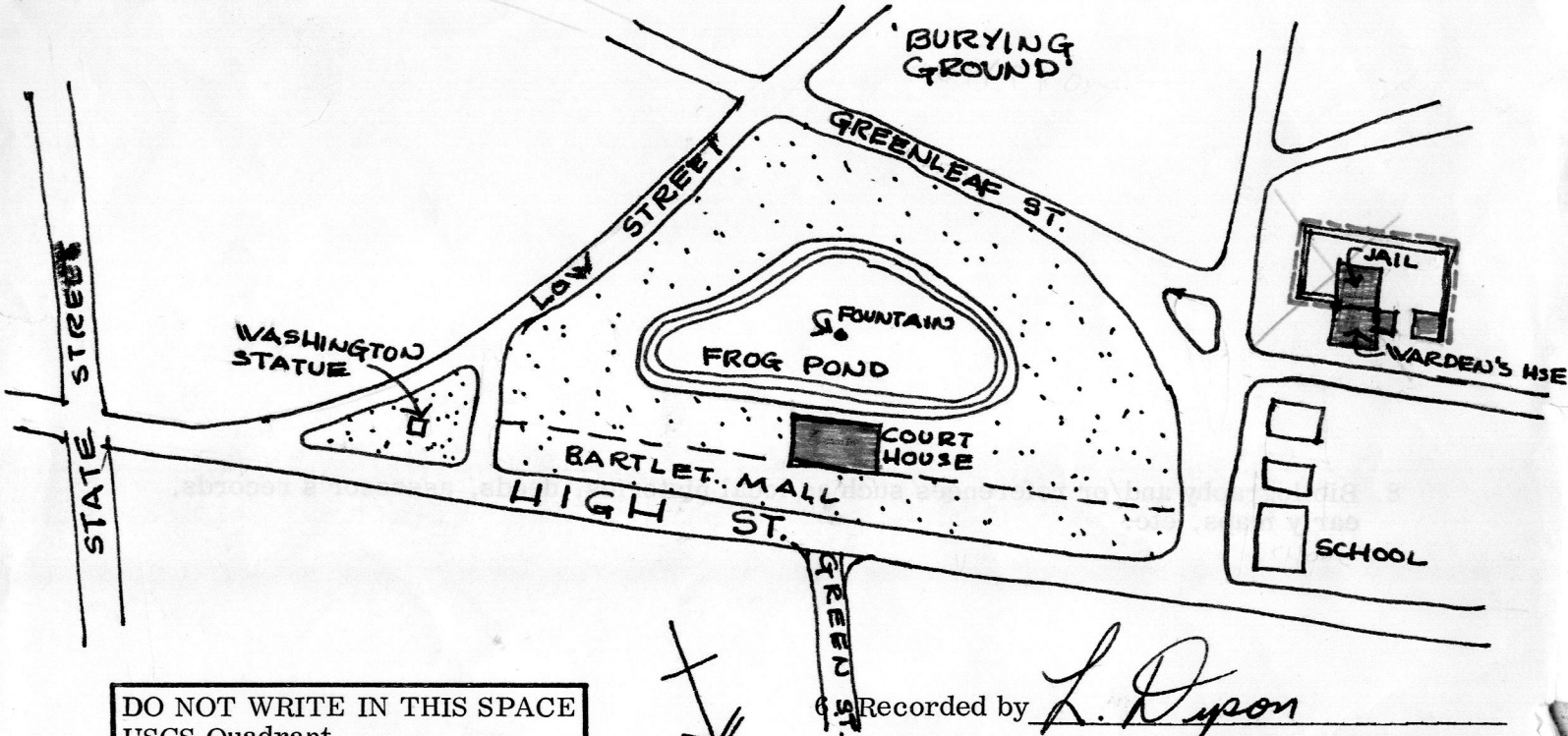
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SUPERIOR COURTHOUSE + BARTLETT MALL

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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number _____

1. Town Newburyport NWB.J
Name of area (if any) Superior Court House District
Mall - Court House - Jail
3. General date or period _____
4. Is area uniform (explain):
in style? _____
in condition? _____
in type of ownership? _____
in use? _____

5. Map. Use space below to draw a general map of the area involved. Indicate any historic properties for which individual reports are completed on Forms B thru F, using corresponding numbers. Show street names (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. Indicate with an "x" existing houses not inventoried on Form B.



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MHC Photo no. _____

Recorded by L. Dixon
Organization NEWBURYPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Date JULY 30, 1973

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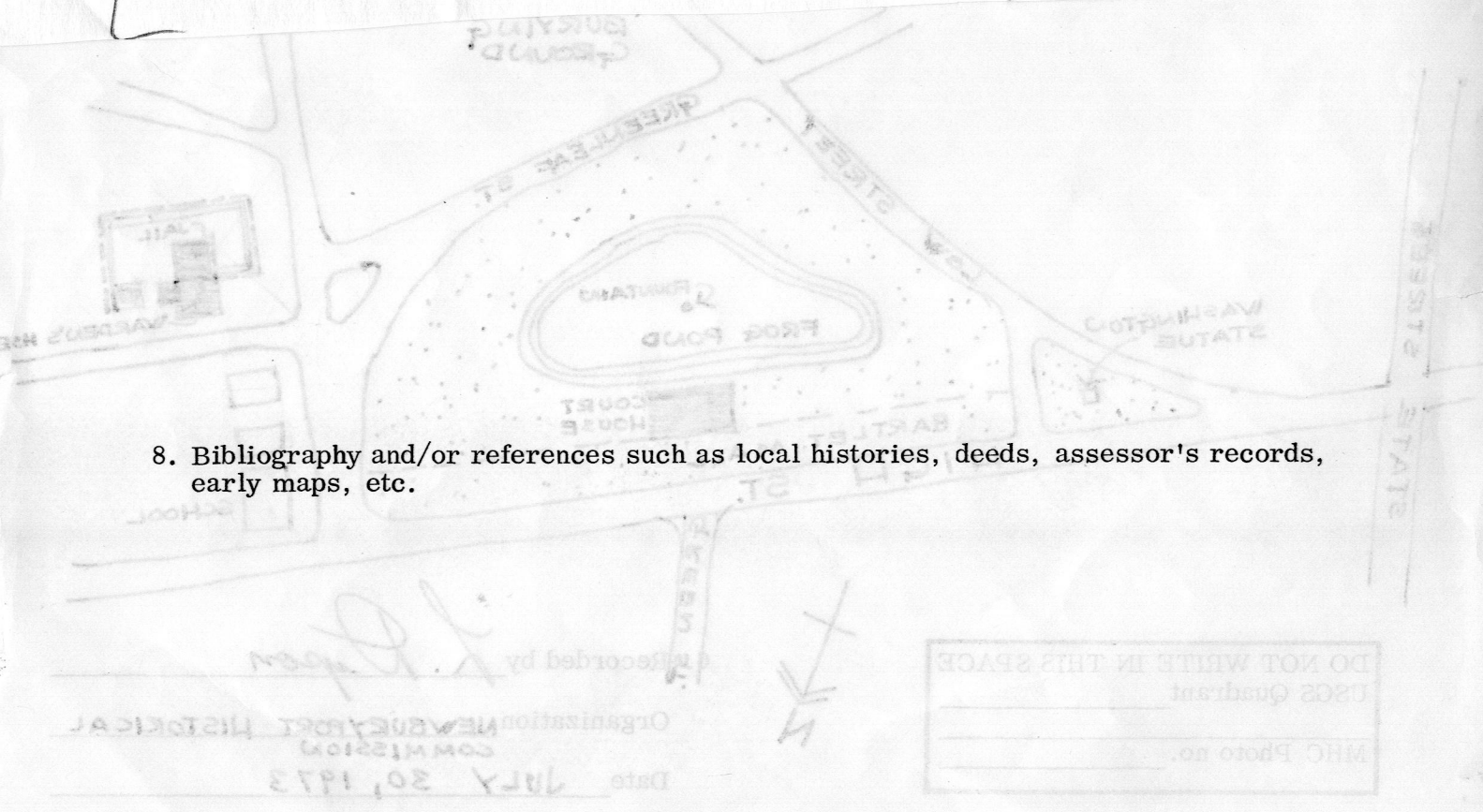
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7. Historical data. Explain the historical/architectural importance of this area.

Mall, Court House, Jail Area. Even before Newburyport was incorporated in 1764, the Mall and its adjacent Frog Pond, off High Street, were considered public spaces, which they remain to this day. A powder-house was erected in 1753, and it was to this building that tea was removed in 1775 and stored for safe keeping. At about the time of the Boston Tea Party, the tea was stolen and burned in Market Square. During the Revolution, the Mall was used for the production of saltpetre and as a training ground for soldiers. In 1805, the Court House, designed by Charles Bulfinch, was erected on the Mall at the head of Green St. It is one of the oldest court houses in the country to be in continuous operation. In 1824, a stone jail and jailer's house were built at the NW end of the Mall, close to the Court House.

(Betty--If you wish to shorten the above, the second and third sentences can be removed. VHC)

8. Bibliography and/or references such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.



Organization: NEWBURYPORT HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Date: JULY 30, 1973
Recorded by: J. P. [unclear]

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Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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Inventory No: NWB.A
Historic Name: High Street District
Common Name:
Address:
City/Town: Newburyport
Village/Neighborhood:
Local No:
Year Constructed:
Architect(s):
Architectural Style(s):
Use(s): Residential District
Significance:
Area(s): NWB.A: High Street District
Designation(s):
Building Materials(s):



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FORM A - AREA

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1-66	A

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 Washington Street, Boston, MA. 02108

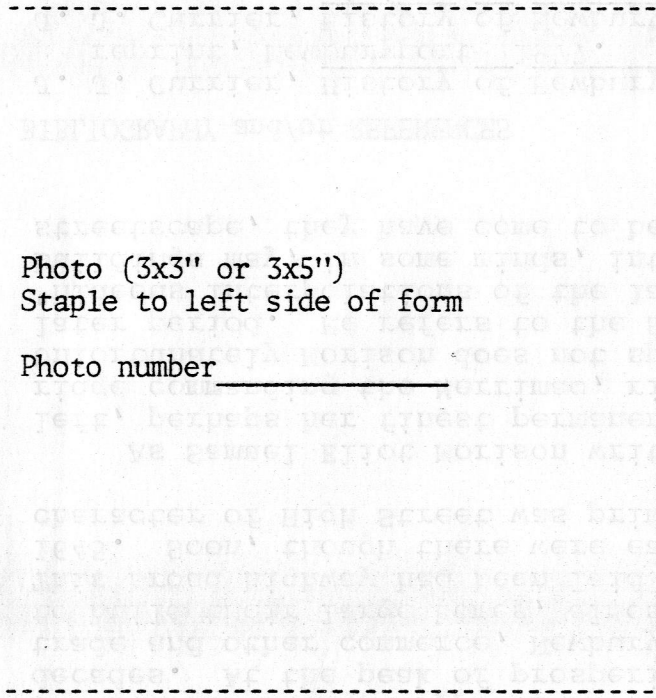


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Town Newburyport, Mass.

Name of area (if any) High Street

Historic District _____

General date or period 18th and 19th

centuries, the largest number of
buildings built between 1790 and 1810

Sketch map. Draw a general map of the area indicating properties within it. Number each property for which individual inventory forms have been completed. Label streets (including route numbers, if any) and indicate north. (Attach a separate sheet if space here is not sufficient)

Recorded by Mary Jane Stirgwolt

Organization Office of Community Development

Date 8-28-80

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Describe physical setting, general character, and architecturally significant structures).

Architecturally, High Street is the finest residential street in Newburyport. The Federal architecture that dominates this streetscape remains relatively unchanged since the early nineteenth century. Many of the homes dating from the Federal period have large front lawns and formal gardens behind. The character of much of the High Street area is that of country estates set upon a ridge above the core of the city. Many of the later nineteenth century homes built on High Street are high style examples of the Italianate or Second Empire mode. These too help to create the grandiose scale of High Street.

The Federal homes on High Street are nearly all three stories with hipped roofs and varying degrees of Federal exterior and

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE of area. (Explain development of area, what caused it, and how it affected community; be specific).

The earliest settlement in the area of Newburyport was in 1635 on the Parker River at Newbury. In the next hundred years the settlement grew, primarily agricultural in interest. In that time, however, a settlement also grew on the banks of the Merrimack River. In 1764 the residents of "the water side" were successful in their petition to have a section of Newbury, with interests relating to the sea, set off as the town of Newburyport. Newburyport prospered in the following decades. At the peak of prosperity, resulting from extensive West India trade and other commerce, Newburyport's wealthy mercantile class began to build their large homes, almost country estates, along High Street. This broad highway had been laid out along a glacial ridge as early as 1645. Soon, though there were earlier homes along this road, the character of High Street was primarily provided by Federal period homes.

As Samuel Eliot Morison writes "Federalist architecture has here left, perhaps her finest permanent trace. High Street, winding along a ridge commanding the Merrimack, rivals Chestnut Street of Salem" Unfortunately Morison does not speak as kindly of the architecture of a later period. He refers to the Second Empire and Italianate homes as "hideous interpolations of the late nineteenth century." Although these buildings may, in some minds, interrupt the continuity of a Federal streetscape, they have come to be appreciated as a significant part of

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

NWB.A

Community: Newburyport	Form No:
Property Name: High Street	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

FORM A - AREA

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

Newburyport's main residential thoroughfare. These buildings, when viewed along with High Street's earlier architecture, illustrate quite well, the rise and decline of Newburyport's economy during the nineteenth century.

High Street is considered Newburyport's finest residential area. The earlier high style homes were built by merchants and sea captains. As maritime fortunes declined, Greek Revival and Victorian homes were built by those investing in the textile and shoe industries that prospered between 1840 and 1890. High Street retained its importance during this period and prominent Newburyporters continued to occupy the large Federal "square houses" or built new homes in this established area. As a result, the High Street area remains, a very impressive streetscape built by the wealthy citizens of Newburyport from the Colonial period through the twentieth century.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church and the Belleville Church are located on High Street and contributed to the development of the area. St. Paul's and its minister Bishop Edward Bass were very important in Newburyport's history during the Federal period. The Superior Courthouse and Bartlett Mall, already listed in the National Register of Historic Places, are also important elements of the High Street area. The Mall has always been, and continues to be, a focal point of the community. It was the site of Newburyport's early powder house, hay scales, rope-walks, and distilleries. In 1800 the area was improved through the generosity of Capt. Edmund Bartlett. By 1890 the entire area was landscaped and became known as "the Mall". During the nineteenth century several public buildings were built adjacent to the Mall. The courthouse was designed by Charles Bulfinch and built in 1805. Other public buildings built in the area include the stone jail (1825) and several schools. The Mall is presently maintained by the City of Newburyport. It is an integral part of the High Street historic district.

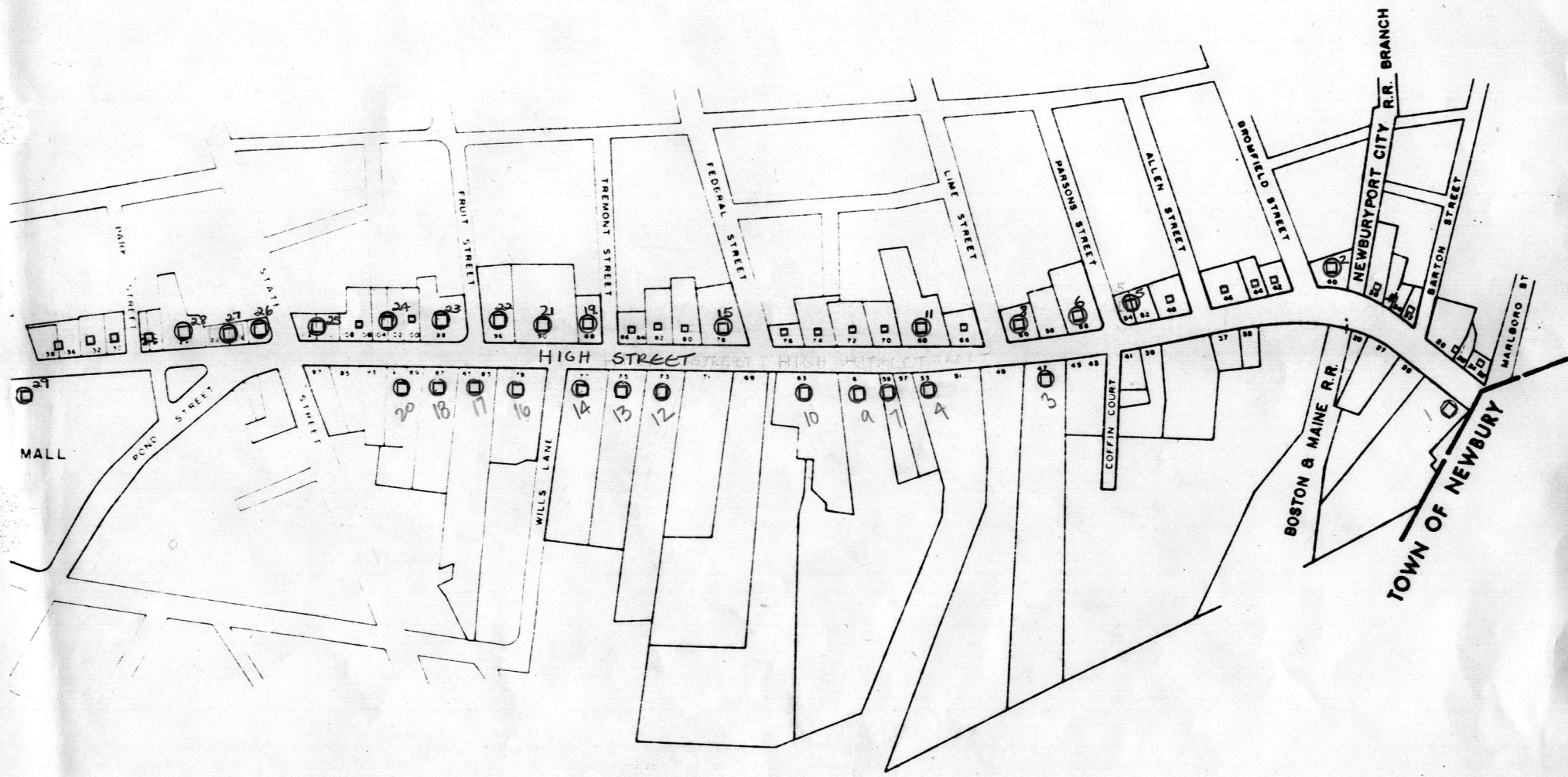
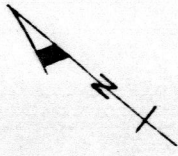
ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (CONTINUED)

interior detail. They are the noted "square houses" of High Street. Many stand as originally built. Others have doorways or entrance portico added during the Greek Revival period or updated in Victorian times. Generally the architectural elements of these homes are simple. It is the overall composition of the buildings that lends such an impressive air to High Street.

This area provides an excellent chronology of American domestic architecture. High Street survives a tribute to the mercantile fortunes that built this city and the Yankee ingenuity that has preserved it.

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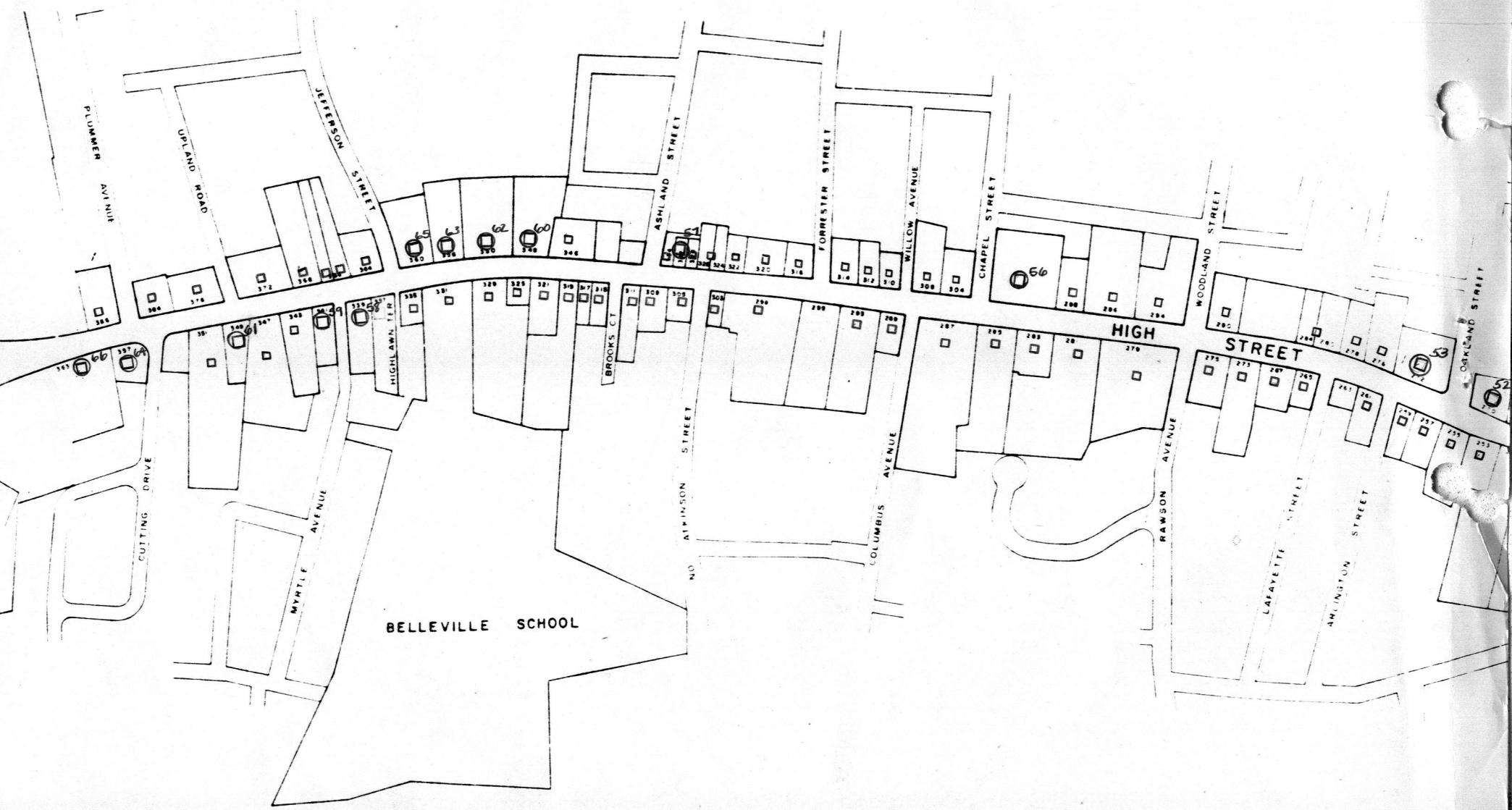
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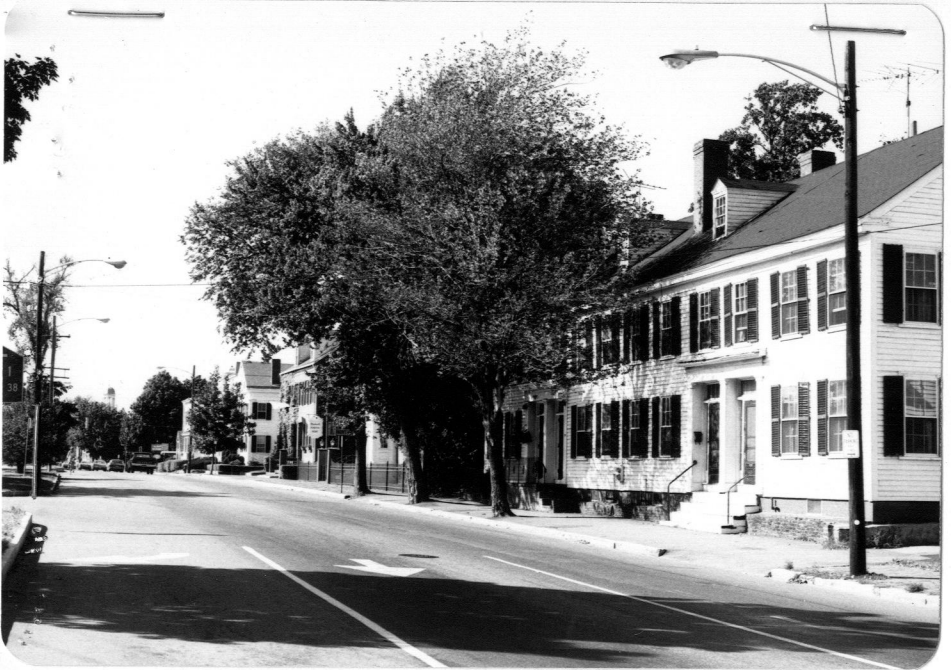


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Old Newbury

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January 27, 2021

Mr. Mike Dissette, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Mike and members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Museum of Old Newbury, I am writing to endorse the application for the continued restoration of the Bartlet Mall.

I understand that this year's efforts are focused on improving the water quality of the pond through a bathymetric survey and the creation of two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain. Additionally, granite coping stones would be installed to secure the pond edge.

Landscape Architect Charles Eliot (1859-1897), a colleague and one time partner of Frederic Law Olmsted, opened his own practice in Boston in 1886. A year later he was commissioned for design work on the Bartlet Mall. The Museum of Old Newbury holds Eliot's original plans and drawings as well as correspondence regarding specific design elements of the Mall. The museum has worked with Charles Griffin as the Mall Improvement Association has developed plans for the Mall's restoration. Eliot's work on the Bartlet Mall is significant to the history of American landscape history.

I hope that the members of the Community Preservation Committee will look favorably on the application as a project that will enhance Newburyport and restore the Mall to its former design and elegance.

Sincerely,

Susan C.S. Edwards, Executive Director

Mr. Mike Dissette
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

From: Allison Frank-Georges
Resident
134 High Street, Newburyport, MA 01950
617 519-1923

As a resident of Newburyport who lives directly facing the Bartlett Mall and who walks in the park everyday it is of fundamental importance to me that we do everything we can to embrace, preserve and celebrate the beauty and history of Bartlett Mall. This is important to ensure the park remains beautiful and safe and also supports the growth of our home values. In order to drive those objectives, I personally support the three projects that are outlined below and would like to support the effort to obtain CPC funding:

1. A bathymetric survey of the pond.
2. Two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain
3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge.

I am also happy to volunteer my time and also work to raise funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards,

Allison Frank-Georges

Ellen Hanick
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January 27, 2021

Mike Dissette
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Committee Members,

This letter is in support of the request for Community Preservation funds for planning and remediation services for the Bartlet Mall.

I first joined the Bartlet Mall Board in 2010. I served until 2018. We studied many approaches for water quality remediation fund raised and tried many techniques.

Dr. Novotny's approach, international experience and guidance offer the best solutions.

I hope that the community Preservation committee will help preserve the beautiful Bartlet Mall.

Thank you for your interest and efforts.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hanick

Ellen Hanick

Mr. Mike Dissette, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

28 January 2021

Subject: Support for Bartlet Mall Restoration and Fountain

Dear Chairman Dissette,

I am writing to ask for CPC support of the Bartlet Mall Restoration project being proposed, especially the fountain. The pond at the Mall is truly a historic focal point that is enjoyed by all citizens and visitors. For the eighteen years that I have lived here, it seems like the fountain has only been functional a small percentage of the time. Please allocate money so the water quality may be restored, and the fountain made operational. There is no doubt in my mind that this is worthy of funding, as it will inspire people every single day.

Sincerely,

Jim McCarthy
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January 26, 2021

Mr. Mike Dissette, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
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RE: Bartlet Mall Restoration

Dear Mike,

I am writing to you to voice my support for the need for CPC funding to help jump start the numerous tasks associated with the capping and water quality issues at The Bartlet Mall. The following items require support to provide the momentum needed to kick off this very necessary project:

1. A bathymetric survey of the pond.
2. Two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain.
3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge.

Thank you for your time and consideration for this funding request.

Matt Ellsworth
Parks Commissioner
Newburyport

Mr. Mike Dissette, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Chair Dissette & Committee Members,
My wife and I strongly support the efforts of the Mall Improvement Association to restore Bartlet Mall. The proposal appears to be a very positive break through to solve the longstanding water problem. We encourage your support of the grant proposal.

Sincerely,

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January 28, 2021

Mr. Mike Dissette, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
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Dear Chairman Dissette,

I would like to express my support for the Bartlet Mall Improvement Association's efforts to improve the quality of the water at Frog Pond. I have been involved with the upkeep of this pond over the past sixteen years or so beginning with the Parks Commission's first Winter Carnival back in 2005. The water quality has always been an issue, and I have had first-hand experience with it when pumping water out of the pond for use in spraying down the ice for winter skating. It's a little... stinky, and, as Forrest Gump might add, "That's all I have to say about that!"

In conjunction with the efforts to improve the water quality, I am in full support of the fountain restoration, as well. This beautiful feature adds so much to the pond, and, when working, I'm sure it helps with the water quality, as well.

The Bartlet Mall is one of our great community assets, and the Frog Pond must be maintained as the center point of this beautiful park so that the general public might enjoy using the pond rather than being deterred due to poor water quality and smell. I hope the CPC will recognize the importance of this work and consider funding the efforts of the MIA to keep this vital community asset the true gem it should always be to our city.

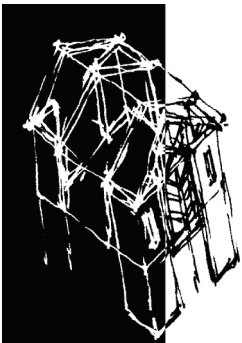
Thank you very much for your consideration!

Respectfully,

David G. Keery

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Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

January 28, 2021

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I am writing to urge your support for funding for the restoration of the pond and fountain at Bartlet Mall. I am a fairly recent resident of Newburyport, and live close to the Mall. I watch the number of people who enjoy the area every day and the community events that happen there (pre-pandemic), but recognize that the pond and its fountain are in need of repair to maintain the beauty of this local landmark.

I understand from the Mall Improvement Association that funding is needed for a survey of the pond, wells for clean water to feed the fountain and hence the pond, and stone for the pond's edge which is in real need of repair.

The pond and the surrounding area is a gem and needs to be maintained for current and future residents to enjoy.

Sincerely,



Anita Greenwood

151 High St.

Newburyport, MA 01950

1/26/2021

Mike Dissette

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION Committee

C/O OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

CITY hALL

60 PLEASANT STREET, NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Regarding the Frog Pond pollution mitigation efforts by the MIA, I'm writing this letter to show my support for a proposed solution which requires CPC funding for three areas:

1. A bathymetric survey of the pond.
2. Two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain (which solves the problem of the deterioration of the iron).
3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge.

Sincerely,

tHOMAS dIMARTINO

134-136 High Street

Newburyport, MA 01950

1/26/2021

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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SINCERELY,

THOMAS DIMARTINO

134-136 HIGH STREET
NEWBURYPORT, MA 01950

Mr. Mike Dissette
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

January 27, 2021

Dear Committee Members,
I hereby voice my support for the following needs for the Bartlet Mall to finally improve the pond.
Please approve funding for:

1. A bathymetric survey of the pond.
2. Two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain (which solves the problem of the deterioration of the iron).
3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge.

This is a much used community area that is enjoyed by many.

Regards,

John Spires
4C Fulton Sreet
Newburyport, MA 01950

Mr. Mike Dissette, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City of Newburyport
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

January 27, 2021

Dear Members of the CPC,

I enthusiastically support funding for the three items listed below.

1. A bathymetric survey of the pond.
2. Two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain (which solves the problem of the deterioration of the iron).
3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge.

Bartlet Mall is arguably the crown jewel of our many open spaces because of its beauty and rich history. Newburyport Parks has continually worked hard exploring ways to address the water quality in the pond at Bartlet Mall. We need to stay on the right side of preserving and saving this space.

Respectfully,

Bill Ladas
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Newburyport, MA 01950

Joe Lamb

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January 27, 2021

Mr. Mike Dissette, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Mr. Dissette and CPC Members,

As a former member of this committee through my service on the Newburyport Planning Board, I realize what an important resource you are to the city. I also know how much demand there is for your limited funding.

I fully support the Mall Improvement Association's request for funding for the following:

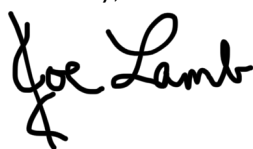
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3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge.

When I was looking for a place to relocate my family more than seven years ago, the beauty of the Mall and pond with its splendid fountain sold me almost immediately on Newburport. I couldn't wait to share that iconic image with my family. Now, I walk by the area at least once a week and I have grown to appreciate it even more.

Even when I was on the committee a few years ago we were reviewing funding to improve the fountain and pond, so I have a strong understanding of how critical these requests are.

We cannot over estimate how important this area is to our city and how urgent it is that we preserve the fountain and pond for many generations to come.

Sincerely,



[Joe Lamb](#)

Dear Ms. Turner--

I am writing to support the Mall Improvement Association's endeavor to address the pollution issues of Frog Pond & to create a well feed to the fountain that would enhance both the aeration of the water but also the overall aesthetics of The Mall.

Newburyport is a mecca for tourists in part because of its five active bodies of water: the Atlantic, the Merrimac, and the fountains at Atkinson & Inn Street. However, it's not only wedding planners & tourists who appreciate the water venues, but also the locals who seek the priceless calming effect which the movement & the sound of water offers.

Oddly, the water feature that is MOST often captured by photographers or artists in the annual tourist magazine published by the Chamber of Commerce is not the four previously cited water features but **Frog Pond!** Alas, due to lack of funding for upkeep, Frog Pond has devolved into a lackluster Newburyport gem; any aerial view or promenade along the lower walkway confirms the prevalence of algae. Just as noticable is the silence of the century-old bullfrog evening chant: our amphibious co-residents who gave the pond its name are dead. Moreover, the Jeffrey Briggs sculpture atop the fountain lost its primary purpose as a water feature because pond sludge blocked the spigots which in turn hampered aeration & hastened algae proliferation..

Frog Pond was evaluated twice in my years as a Newburyporter; water quality was improved, but the improvements had limited efficacy. While artists' renditions took license in painting water lustrously cascading from the fountain, art masked an (again!) unhealthy Frog Pond.

Despite this, Frog Pond still rouses nostalgia & inspires comments such as the one my son heard on New Year's Day 2021 when a visitor gushed about the bucolic scene of sleds & skaters: "This spot should be featured in a Hallmark Christmas movie." My son, who grew up in Newburyport, factually replied: "It was." Mic-drop.*

Yes, Frog Pond is THAT special. Not many cities could achieve this boasting point; we who live here forget how special our water features are. Apart from boasting--but that's OK too--may MIA secure the funds & community interest to honor Frog Pond with 2021 pollution-preventive technology that can definitively address run-off, fresh water wells & award Newburyport with a fully functioning fountain's *raison d'être*.

A concerned Newburyporter,
Mary C. Schmidt
2 Vernon Street

*A *Ring for Christmas*, filmed by Hallmark in 2019 & released for Christmas 2020, shows the main character entering the city rounding Frog Pond via Greenleaf Street--the exact spot where the comment occurred. People recognize extraordinary beauty. Let's not squander Frog Pond's year 'round allure.

Dear Ms. Turner & Mr. Dissette--

I understand that the Community Preservation Committee is hoping to launch 3 projects associated with Frog Pond. Excellent! Getting information about what's happening below the water will surely impact how to improve it. Constructing wells may sufficiently purify the water so the summer events of Olde Fashion Sunday can resume when Yankee Homecoming resumes, specifically, the dory rides amidst the spray from the Briggs fountain and the canoe tilt--both discontinued years ago because Frog Pond was dangerous to humans if dunked into it. The proposed granite retainer edging will enhance the 'railway' effect for festival train rides around the perimeter of the lower walkway and for the aquatic launching of paper lanterns at the annual September evening prayer service at Frog Pond. Moreover, tykes with their handheld fishnets might perch thereon and turtles will discover the granite barrier as an alternative place to bask and from which to dive.

Newburyporter residents and visitors enjoy dog walking, picnic noshing, bench sunbathing, aerobic jogging and casual reading and conversing at Frog Pond because it is an environment that blends Nature with mature, planned landscaping. Thank you for CPC's vision to accent the positive and address noble, doable and probable improvements. These three upgrades, while not glamorous, will benefit the enjoyment of generations long after the fees to the professionals are paid. CPC is paying forward a wonderful legacy on behalf of the region and in the community which is proud to call Newburyport 'home.' Your committee is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mary c. Schmidt
2 Vernon Street
2/2/2021

My sons grew up with the evening serenade of the frog chorus and by the 24/7 lull of the fountain. The favorite 3 features of Olde Fashion Sunday hinged on Frog Pond: the train ride around the lower perimeter, a dory ride near the fountain's watery spray, and the canoe tilt. Because of the pollution, the latter 2 events were canceled years ago.

January 26, 2021
Skip and Marge Motes
26 High Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Mike Dissette
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Chair,

The Frog Pond and Mall are a Newburyport treasure in need of preservation that can be achieved within the CPA Charter. We are writing in support of the proposal to achieve:

1. A bathymetric survey of the pond.
2. Two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain; this solves the problem of the deterioration of the iron.
3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge.

The CPA has done a magnificent job on important projects, and we look for your support on these.

Regards,

Skip and Marge Motes

Timothy Greenwood

151 High Street, Apt 2A
Newburyport
MA 01950

January 26, 2021

Mr. Mike Disette
Community Preservation Committee
c/o Office of Planning and Development
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Commissioner,

Bartlet Mall is one of the jewels of Newburyport, but sadly the poor state of Frog Pond certainly detracts from its splendor of former days. The Mall and the pond is already one of the most photographed areas in the town - just look at the head photograph of several of the Newburyport Facebook pages. Imagine how it will be when the fountain is restored and the water in the pond is clean.

So I wholeheartedly give my support to the proposal for CPC funding for the three required actions to address the pollution of Frog Pond and to restore it to the gem that the area deserves.

Sincerely yours,

Timothy Greenwood

Bartlett Mall restoration

1 message

Rosamond Smith <rosamond.smith@gmail.com>

Thu, Jan 28, 2021 at 3:19 PM

To: duffykt@gmail.com

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to support the Newburyport Parks Commission funding the restoration of the Bartlett Mall fountain, two wells, and the addition of stone around the pond. Thank you!

Best,

Rosamond Smith

Neptune Street

Newburyport

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Rosamond Smith

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Bartlett Mall

P.A. Shuttleworth <dvplallen@hotmail.com>

Thu, Jan 28, 2021 at 7:01 AM

To: "duffykt@gmail.com" <duffykt@gmail.com>

Cc: "cgriffin@ega.net" <cgriffin@ega.net>, William Shuttleworth <wshuttleworth@hotmail.com>

To whom it may concern:

As a very short term resident of Newburyport, for only about five years now, I want to say that of all the beautiful places we have in the city, the mall is our dearest Jewel.

While the boardwalk and market Square capture the energy of the renewed Newburyport, there is an essence about the mall that is not only, vibrant and present, but nostalgic and constant.

On any given day summer or winter, it always elicits an emotion in me that is often difficult to capture in words.

This treasure is not one we can afford to let go by, fall to pollution and dry up.

Visiting cities around our nation, and the world, very often a parkland of this nature, complete with water and fountains as the center, are often created in an effort to capture this sense of calmness, beauty, respite and serenity...that of which we are so fortunate to have naturally occurring in our fair city!

So it is with this sense of wonder, grandeur of now and our collective past and appreciation that I write this letter in support of the work needing to be done to bring freshwater and protection to the pond. The design, freshwater wells, and granite stone surrounding will only heightened and magnify this, our city's gem for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration of this project.

Patricialee Shuttleworth

20 Market street

Newburyport, MA

207 844 0667

Sent from my iPhone

The Barlet Mall

1 message

Robert McInerney <robertmcinerney84@gmail.com>

Wed, Jan 27, 2021 at 1:36 PM

To: duffykt@gmail.com

Hello Mr. Dissette,

We moved to Newburyport 6 years ago and have never regretted it. It is a great place to live.

One of its iconic locations is the Bartlet Mall. As a taxpayer, I want to express my support for:

1. A bathymetric survey of the pond.
2. Two shallow wells to provide untreated but clean water to the pond through the fountain (which solves the problem of the deterioration of the iron).
3. Acquisition of the granite coping stone needed to secure the pond edge

Bob McInerney
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