

Newburyport Public Schools

Facilities Department 241 High Street Newburyport, MA 01950

February 06, 2019

Community Preservation Committee City of Newburyport 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear CPC Member,

I am pleased to submit our Application for Funding along with supporting documentation for the Newburyport High School Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project-Phase 4. As you know, Newburyport High School is an integral part of the fabric of the community, making it extremely important and desirable to maintain the building in an historically sensitive manner. To that end we have been working on a project to restore and rehabilitate the historic exterior woodwork on the 1937 portion of the building since 2012.

In addition to the Application for Funding we respectfully submit the following:

Historic Structures/Existing Conditions Report: The Existing Conditions Report was distributed with our applications in 2013 & 2014. In the interest of saving paper, we have not included it here, but can make it available upon request.

Assessor's map showing location of project: Map 38/Lot76 included

Photographs: Numerous photographs detailing the existing conditions of the woodwork are included in the Existing Conditions Report compiled by Menders, Torrey and Spencer (now Spencer, Sullivan & Vogt) in 2012. Phase 4 photographs, taken during a survey to update the conditions of the building on December 12, 2018 are included in this application (photos # 20 through 24).

Cost Estimates: The Phase 4 cost estimate, dated February 1, 2019, is included.

Oversight and Management Plan: As the Director of Facilities for the Newburyport Public Schools I will act as Project Manager. Additionally, Lynne Spencer and her team from Spencer, Sullivan & Vogt will provide construction administration services.

School Committee Support: On February 4, 2013 the School Committee voted unanimously to support this project. A letter of support from the School Committee is enclosed.

The School Committee voted to reaffirm their support of this project on January 19, 2016 & January 17, 2017. A copy of the meeting minutes is enclosed.

Historic Resource: The High School is listed on the State Register of Historic Places and is a contributing building in the Newburyport Historic District listed in the National Register. Enclosed is a print out from the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System showing the listing.

Architectural Plans and Specifications: Review plans are included with this application. Detailed plans and specifications will be developed as we move forward in the process.

Maps, renderings, site plans: Please refer to the Existing Conditions Report

Names and Addresses of Project Architects, Contractors & Consultants:

SPENCER, SULLIVAN & VOGT Architecture-Preservation Lynne Spencer, Project Architect 1 Thompson Square, Suite 504 Charlestown, MA 02129

617.861.4291, ext. 22 www.ssvarchitects.com

Budgets: Phases 1 and 2 of the project have been completed. Phase 3 will utilize \$14,000 in remaining funds from Phase 2 along with CPA grants from 2017 (\$125,000) and 2018 (\$59,040). Construction documents are currently being developed and will be published for bids later this winter with an eye toward construction in the summer. This application is for Phase 4

Letters of Support: Enclosed

Grant Request Amount: This project has been configured so that it can be accomplished in phases as funding becomes available.

Phase 1 was completed in 2014. The work on this phase restored the front center section of the north façade including the four main columns, portico and other features.

Phase 2 was completed in 2015. This phase encompassed the front façades of the side wings (Auditorium and Library).

Phase 3 construction documents are currently being developed and will be published for bids later this winter with an eye toward construction in the summer. Phase 3 restores the cupola.

This grant application is for Phase 4 in the amount of \$84,000. This will be the final phase of this project and includes the cornices on the back and sides of the library and auditorium wings.

Your consideration of this project is deeply appreciated and I look forward to meeting with you to provide you with more detailed information to help with your decision.

Sincerely,

Steve Bergholm, Director of Facilities Newburyport Public Schools



COMMUNITY PRESERVATION APPLICATION FOR FUNDING

City of Newburyport Community Preservation Committee

Applications for funding are due by Thursday, February 7, 2019 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 – double sided copies are acceptable.

PROJECT NAME:

Exterior Woodwork Restoration-Phase 4

PROJECT ADDRESS:

Newburyport High School

241 High Street

Newburyport, MA 01950

MAP/LOT:

Map 38/Lot 76

APPLICANT NAME:

Newburyport Public Schools

(Group or Committee Affiliation)

CONTACT PERSON:

Steve Bergholm

TELEPHONE/FAX NO.: 978.465.4440 x5008

ADDRESS:

241 High Street

Newburyport, MA

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sbergholm@newburyport.k12.ma.us

AMOUNT OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING REQUESTED: \$84,000

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION CATEGORY:

(Please check all that apply)

Open Space

X 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.

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

This project looks to rehabilitate and restore the exterior woodwork on historic Newburyport High School. Age and exposure to weather have caused a variety of issues with the exterior woodwork necessitating a well-planned historic restoration guided by The Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. The Existing Conditions Report provides more details.

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.

* Deed Restrictions: The City 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 Affordability Restrictions on affordable housing projects. The restriction shall be recorded at the Southern Essex Registry of Deeds.

Generations of Newburyport residents have attended the current Newburyport High School since it first opened in 1937. Prominently situated at the crest of "Mount Rural", NHS is a point of pride for Newburyporters, past and present. This project would preserve, rehabilitate and restore a city-owned historical structure that not only serves to educated Newburyport citizens, but also serves as a site for countless cultural, sporting and other community events.

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.

Newburyport High School is owned by the city of Newburyport and operated and maintained by the Newburyport Public Schools.

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.

The High School is listed on the state register of historic places and is a contributing building in the Newburyport Historic District listed on the National Register. As such, careful consideration must be given to any and all methods and materials that will be used throughout this project. Restoration will be guided by The Secretary of the Interior's Standard for Rehabilitation and Guidelines for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings. In addition, input, guidance and support will be sought from the local Historic Commission and the Newburyport Planning Office as required or appropriate.

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.

Phase 1 of the project was completed in the fall of 2014. This phase encompassed the front-center section of the north façade of the building. Phase 2 was completed in the fall of 2015. This phase rehabilitated the north-east (Auditorium entrance) and north-west (Library entrance) wings of the front façade. Phase 3, which addresses the cupola, is scheduled for the summer of 2019. This application for Phase 4 will address the remaining miscellaneous areas which need attention including the back sides of the Library and Auditorium as well as other areas. Phase 4, if funded would occur in the summer of 2020.

FUNDING:

- A. **Project cost estimates:** Provide recent cost estimates for the proposed project, dated within the past six (6) months, detailing the scope of work and associated costs for each task.
- B. Amount of Newburyport Community Preservation Funding Requested: \$84,000
- C. 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)
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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.
- 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.

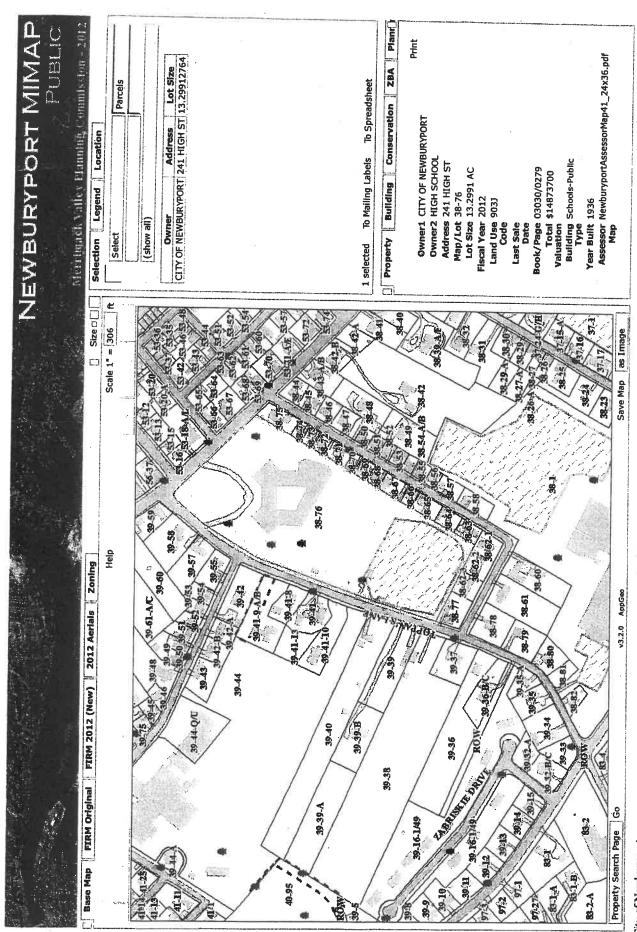
YOU MAY BE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

For questions contact: Office of Planning and Development

Newburyport City Hall

cpc@cityofnewburyport.com

(978) 465-4400



City of Newburyport

1/18/2013 1:48 PM

Historic Woodwork Resotration Phase III: Cupola



PHOTO 19: Water damage rot on cupola sheathing as seen from inside of cupola.



PHOTO 21: Peeled paint throughout East and West wing wood cornices.



PHOTO 23: Face-nail rilled copper at East and Wing wood cornices has open joints due to temperature expansion.



PHOTO 20: Paint deterioration throughout wood cornice at East and West wings of school.



PHOTO 22: Failed solder joints and warped rilled copper at East and West wing wood cornices. Face-nailed hem is a poor detail.

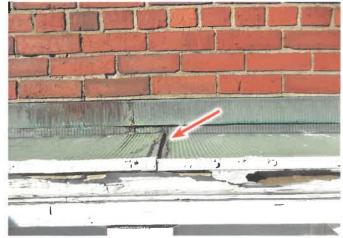


PHOTO 24: Opened solder joints due to rilled copper expansion, in absense of expansion joints.



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Newburyport High School Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project Phase 4-Cost Estimate

The Phase 4 cost estimate was developed by Spencer, Sullivan and Vogt after conducting a building survey on December 12, 2018. This survey was conducted to update the cost estimates as well as develop Phase 3 construction documents. The Phase 4 work is designated as Alternate #4 on the attached cost estimate and plans.

Since the Phase 4 work was estimated as an alternate to the Phase 3 work, but is more likely to be performed as a stand-alone project in 2020 we have to consider additional general conditions and escalation costs. Per the attached email, Spencer, Sullivan and Vogt advise adding 20% to account for those costs.

To summarize:

Phase 4 (Alternate #4) Estimated Cost \$70,000 General Conditions & Escalation-20% \$14,000

Total Estimate for Phase 4 \$84,000



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Cupola Restoration Newburyport High School February 1, 2019

Estimated Cost - Phase 3 Restoration

Base Bid Scope:

General Conditions, including access to work
Repair and replace deteriorated wood elements
Replace all copper roofing and flashing with new copper
Repair weathervane, including support shaft
Restore windows on 2 levels of the cupola
Prep and paint all wood elements

Prep and paint new copper dome and repaired weathervane (gold paint)

Base Bid Price:	\$270,000
Add Alternates: Alternate 1 – Chemically strip existing paint at all wood elements prior to painting	+\$115,000
Alternate 2 – Provide gold leaf finish in lieu of gold paint at cupola and weathervane	+\$ 35,000
Alternate 3 – Replace wood urn and pyramidal finials with new GFRC fabrications	+\$24,000
Alternate 4 – Replace copper at projecting cornices on flanking wings	+\$ 70,000



Steve Bergholm <sbergholm@newburyport.k12.ma.us>

Fwd: Newburyport High School - report, scope and estimate

1 message

Steve Bergholm <sbergholm@newburyport.k12.ma.us> To: Steve Bergholm <sbergholm@newburyport.k12.ma.us> Wed, Feb 6, 2019 at 9:13 AM

We advise cost increase of 20% for general conditions and escalation.

Lynne Spencer

Principal

Spencer, Sullivan & Vogt

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From: Steve Bergholm <sbergholm@newburyport.k12.ma.us>

Sent: Monday, February 04, 2019 4:18 PM

To: Doug Manley <dmanley@ssvarchitects.com>

Cc: Lynne Spencer spencer@ssvarchitects.com; Shawn Willett swillett@ssvarchitects.com;

Subject: Re: Newburyport High School - report, scope and estimate

Hi Doug,

Thank you for sending these along. Question: if Alternate 4 is pulled out as a stand alone project for next year, is the cost likely to increase due to separate general condition costs as well as escalation?

Thanks,

Steve

Stephen C. Bergholm, Director of Facilities

Newburyport Public Schools

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Dear Community Preservation Committee:

On Monday, February 4, 2013, Newburyport Public Schools Director of Facilities Steve Bergholm, presented a proposal for a CPA grant for the Rehabilitation and Restoration of the Newburyport High School Woodwork to the School Committee

The School Committee is in full agreement that the historic preservation of one of the City's most beautiful buildings is truly a worthwhile endeavor. We, the Newburyport School Committee, voted unanimously in support of the application Director of Facilities, Steve Bergholm, will submit for a Community Preservation Act grant.

If any of the School Committee members can be of any assistance to the CPC at any time, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

The Newburyport School Committee

Donna Holaday, Mayor & Chairman

Cheryl Sweeney, Vice Chairman

Excerpt from 1.17.17 School Committee meeting minutes:

(full minutes available upon request)

REAFFIRMATION OF SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL EXTERIOR WOODWORK PROJECT: Newburyport CPA Grant Program:

Mayor Holaday explained the history behind this project. Steve Bergholm outlined and explained the proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA Grant for Phase III of the work to rehabilitate and restore Newburyport High School's woodwork. He explained that Phase I was approved in 2013 and done in 2014. Phase II was funded. There has been no funding in the past two years. Phase III is the cupula, which is a difficult place to work. It is important to get this done. It will be done in the summer of 2018.

Motion:

On a motion by David Hochheiser and seconded by Nick deKanter it was

VOTED: To support the submission of the proposal to the Community Preservation

Committee for a CPA Grant for Phase III of the work to rehabilitate and

restore Newburyport High School's woodwork.

Roll Call Vote:

Christine Miller Yes
Mayor Holaday Yes
Steve Cole Yes
Bruce Menin Yes
David Hochheiser Yes
Nick deKanter Yes

Motion Passed

Cheryl Sweeney absent for vote

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Inventory No:

NWB.2885

Historic Name:

Newburyport High School

Common Name:

Address:

241 High St

City/Town:

Newburyport

Village/Neighborhood:

Local No:

38-76

Year Constructed:

1937

Architect(s):

Architectural Style(s):

Colonial Revival

Use(s):

Public School

Significance:

Architecture; Education

Area(s):

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NWB.A: High Street District

NWB.L: Newburyport Historic District

Designation(s):

Nat'l Register District (8/2/1984)

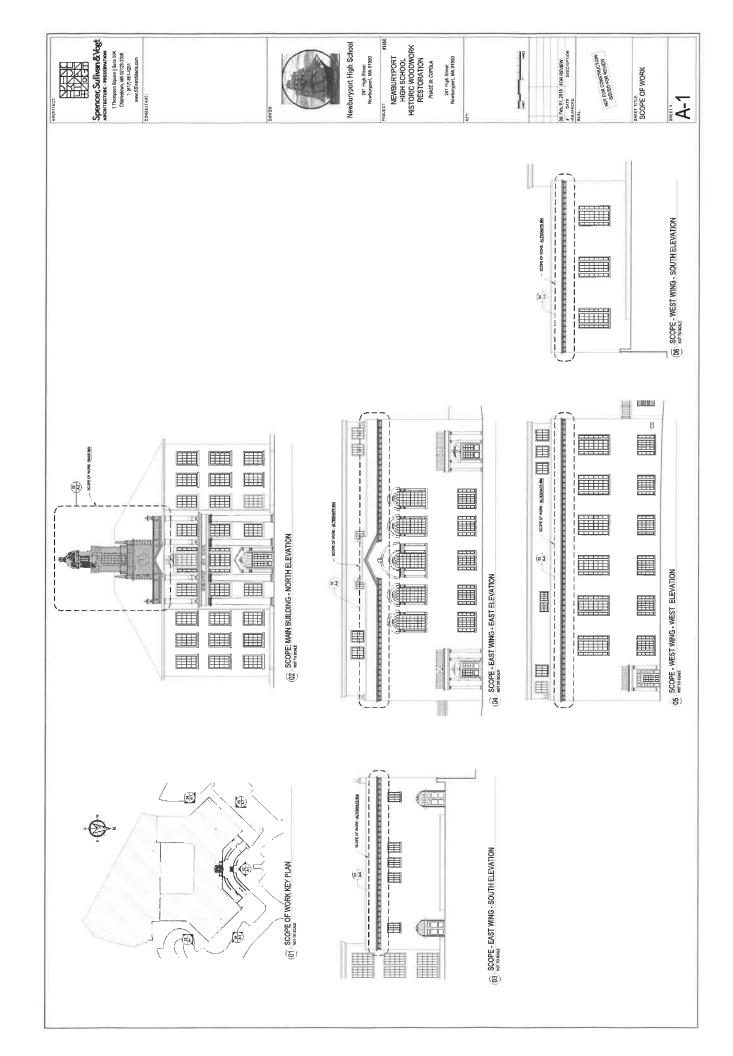
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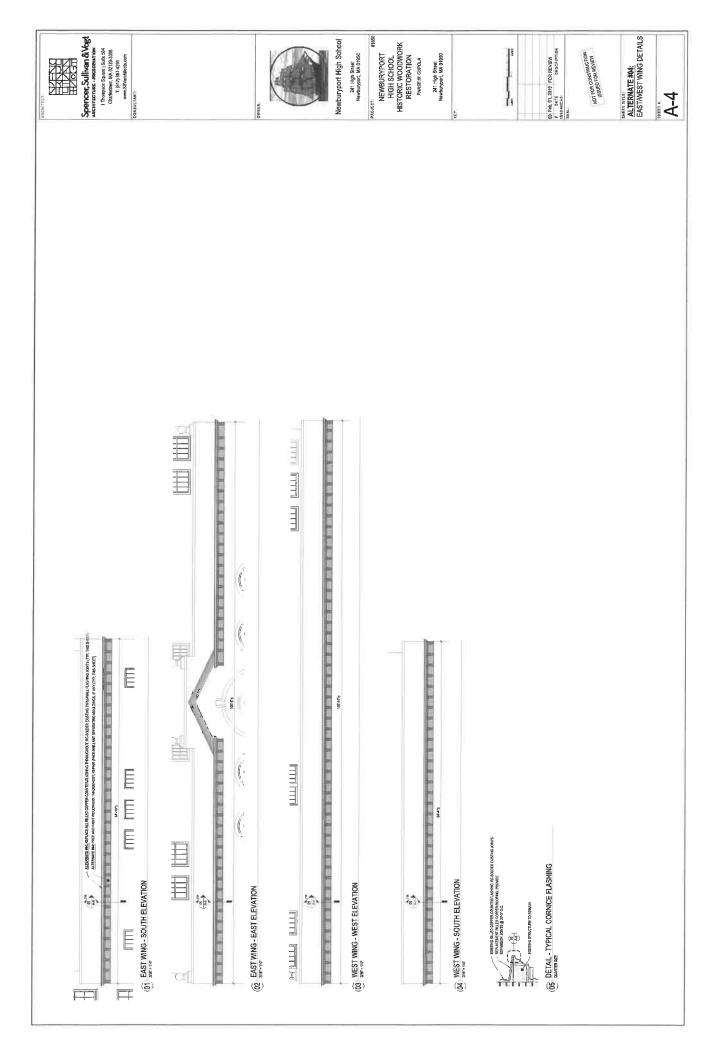
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February 4, 2019

Dear Community Preservation Committee:

I fully support Newburyport Public Schools Director of Facilities, Steve Bergholm's proposal to the Community Preservation Committee for a CPA Grant for Phase IV of the work to rehabilitate and restore Newburyport High School's woodwork.

Fifteen years ago the City generously supported the refurbishing and building of the High School and maintained the beautiful façade of the original building. It is very important for the City to maintain this building's historical presence.

I thank you for your consideration of this proposal for the High School. If I can be of any assistance at any time, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Sean T. Gallagher

Superintendent of Schools

Lisa L. Mead 13 Purchase Street Newburyport MA 01950

February 11, 2013

Community Preservation Committee City of Newburyport 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport MA 01950

RE: Restoration and Rehabilitation of the Historic Wood Trim of the Newburyport High School

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee;

I am writing to request your support of the project presented by the Newburyport Public Schools for the rehabilitation of the exterior woodwork of the Newburyport High School. As you are well aware, the Newburyport High School is an icon in our community. We are very proud and fortunate to have such an historic landmark gracing our main thoroughfare representing the importance of not only architecture in our community but through its placement, the high regard we also place on education.

Notwithstanding the renovation of the High School in 2001, there are aspects of the High School which continue to need work and restoration. Interestingly, either due to the limited scope in some regards of the work which was undertaken at the time and ironically the new wood which was used in construction, the 1937 woodwork was not entirely replaced and/or restored. As more than a decade has past since that renovation, new restoration work must be undertaken to preserve this example of a Colonial Revival building. The High School is significant in the architectural and historic character of Newburyport. Some of the most distinguishing characteristics of High School, namely its distinctive and handsome porticos, its wood columns and windows require preservation work so that they can be properly maintained and the High School can continue to grace High Street as it has for so many years.

As a resident of this community, a parent and former municipal leader, I see no better dedication of Community Preservation funds than restoring these historic and distinct features of the High School. Every member of our community benefits from the preservation of this building; the children who are a part of our school system and are proud to call the High School theirs, property owners who value investment in the city's capital which benefits each and every property owner's property values, alumni who now

live here and elsewhere who can continue to point proudly to their alma mater, business owners who value a properly maintained community. We take pride in our City and the High School is the center of it all.

The use of Community Preservation dollars, gained from each property owner across the city, for this project will appropriately have a wide reaching public benefit and impact. The Committee will be helping to preserve and enhance an existing city asset. The funds will help preserve a resource which could otherwise be threatened given the disparate competing needs of city tax dollars. As has been typical of the School Department over the last several years, they have carefully and thoughtfully undertaken a study to be sure of the extent of the damage and the cost of repair. The plan is reasonable and well thought out. Finally, there really is no better and far reaching investment of these historic purpose funds.

Since leaving office, I have had the good fortune to work in communities throughout the Commonwealth. I am constantly amazed at the number of people who comment on our High School as a symbol of what they see as a testament of the care and pride of the residents of Newburyport. Your provision of Community Preservation funds will certainly fulfill the purpose of the Committee by helping to preserve, enhance and restore this historic, cultural and architecturally significant center piece of our community. I would be so bold as to say, not only will each and every one of the residents of Newburyport benefit, but so will the Commonwealth as a whole.

I thank you for your consideration of this project.

Respectfully,

Lisa L. Mead

cc: Steve Bergholm, Director of Faclities

John F. Moak 33 Marlboro Street Newburyport, MA 01950

February 8, 2013

Community Preservation Committee
Planning Office
City Hall
60 Pleasant Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Dear Committee Members.

Steve Bergholm has informed me of the need for restoration of the exterior woodwork on the High School building. It would be the best case scenario that everything that was necessary was completed at the time of the renovation, but as in most cases the budget drove the extent of the work. It is imperative that a building that holds such a high esteem among the citizens and a monumental location in the City maintain its distinctive facade.

As Mayor, I managed the project to restore the exterior of City Hall; this project funded through the Community Preservation Committee restored the grace and exterior envelope of another prominent historic building in our community. The use of Community Preservation Act funds for the restoration of the high school exterior woodwork is most appropriate due to the distinct nature of the building and its place in Newburyport history. The importance of this funding is even more acute as the community has extended its funding resources to construct a new elementary school, senior center and major exterior work to the middle school. The last six years have been challenging to municipal government; one of the most affected areas is the maintenance and restoration of buildings. Municipalities have had to look to alternative funds to maintain our historic buildings.

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It would be difficult for me to envision another building in the community which would be a more visible representation of the community's support of the Community Preservation Act for restoration of significant historic public buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Moak

John F. Moak

Sarah E. Holden Fishbone Project Management



City of Newburyport Community Preservation Committee

February 10, 2013

Re: NHS Exterior Woodwork Restoration Project

Dear Committee Members:

I am writing in support of the project to restore the exterior woodwork at Newburyport High School. The High School is a well-known and distinguished landmark in our city, and the preservation of its original unique characteristics is of utmost priority. Amazingly, much of the original woodwork from 1937 is still in decent condition but with several major exceptions. Repairing these areas will ensure that this landmark remains in good condition for years to come.

Please approve the application for funding of this worthwhile project.

Thank you,

Sarah Holden Fishbone Project Management