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Gary Christenson, Mayor

June 3, 2021

Malden City Council
215 Pleasant Street
Malden, MA 02148

RE: Wallace Memorial Park

Dear Members of the City Council:

I write to ask for the City Council's support to fund the attached project to preserve and restore the wall at Wallace Memorial Park presented to me by the Community Preservation Committee (CPC). In reaching their recommendation, the CPC found that the project meets eligibility requirements and aligns with the priorities stated in Malden's Community Preservation Plan. This project is supported by the Historical Commission and was also the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on May 19, 2021.

The City proudly recognizes this memorial park as a cultural and architectural resource of historical significance in the inventory of the former Beebe Junior High School site, part of the Beebe Estate, as documented on file with the State Massachusetts Historical Commission. It is located at the corner of Highland Avenue and Pleasant Street and the site includes our Spanish-American War Monument. The proposed project includes the preservation and repair of the wall, specifically by the replacement of the stone capstones that have been removed and/or that have fallen behind the existing wall and remain on-site.

Again, I fully support this request and believe that it supports the Historical Commission's ongoing commitment to identify and preserve Malden's historical resources. I am attaching the CPC's Funding Recommendation and please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden