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Gary Christenson, Mayor

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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 request for supplemental funds 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. The supplementary funding application was the subject of a Public Hearing of the CPC held on July 20, 2022.

This request for \$31,470 is to supplement the \$200,000 of funding that was already approved for this project. The final construction costs came in higher than the amount of the original grant and supplemental funding due to issues that were not visible during the bidding process and discovered only after work had already started. An emergency off-cycle application was filed and the CPC's recommendation for approval is attached.

Again, the additional funding is necessary to move this important project forward. I fully support the request and believe that it will help preserve one of Malden's historical assets. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

GARY CHRISTENSON
Mayor, City of Malden