



January 29, 2024

Mayor Gary Christenson  
President Stephen Winslow, Councillor-at-Large  
Members of the Malden City Council  
Malden City Hall  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden MA 02148

**RE: 15 Ferry Street Preservation**

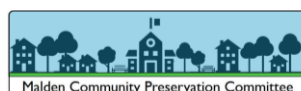
Dear Honorable Mayor and Esteemed City Council,

We write to you today regarding the future of the building at 15 Ferry Street. As you may be aware, an application to move the building was submitted to the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for fiscal year 2024, and funding and was ultimately rejected by the CPC due to lack of an acceptable new location and lack of detail regarding the building's future use.

While the CPC happened to reject the applicant's current request for funding to move the 15 Ferry St. building to a location near the High School, we want it to be understood that the CPC still feels that the building is worthy of saving and would be open to reconsidering the application if another plan for moving it were submitted.

During the applicant's presentation to the CPC, the Attorney, Roberto DiMarco, mentioned that one of the alternate locations considered for the relocation of the building was the parking lot next to 15 Ferry St. The CPC would like to strongly encourage the City of Malden to consider dedicating a small plot of land currently occupied by vehicular parking as the new location for the 15 Ferry St. building.

15 Ferry St and its ties to the Converse family are integral to the Strong History of Malden. Moving the 15 Ferry St. building to the lot next door would provide a convenient location near downtown to maximize its potential for use and it would lower the moving costs. To lose this building to demolition when there is a viable option and funding available to save it would be a travesty, especially when there is City owned land right next door to its current location.



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Please don't let one of the last ties we have to the Converse legacy and Malden's Strong Past be lost forever when there are possible alternatives to preserve it.

Thank you for your consideration and action regarding this highly time sensitive matter.

Sincerely,

The Community Preservation Committee



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