

# Community Preservation Act Committee Town of Arlington

## CPA Funding – FY2021 Final Application

One (1) electronic copy and three (3) hard copies of the completed application must be submitted to the CPAC **no later than 4 p.m. on December 9, 2019** in order to be considered for advancement to the final application stage, with the electronic copy sent to [jwayman@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:jwayman@town.arlington.ma.us) and the hard copies to:

Community Preservation Committee c/o Julie Wayman  
Town of Arlington, 730 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington, MA 02476

Applications will be date stamped and assigned control numbers in the order that the hard copies are received. This PDF form may be completed on a computer using [Adobe Reader](#).

### 1. General Information

Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Historic Preservation of the Jason Russell House \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant/Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ George Parsons and Kate Potter \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Arlington Historical Society \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 7 Jason st, Arlington, MA 02476 \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2. CPA Eligibility (refer to the chart on page A-4)

CPA Category (select one):

Community Housing       Historic Preservation       Open Space       Recreation

CPA Purpose (select one):

Acquisition     Creation     Preservation     Support     Rehabilitation & Restoration

### 3. Budget

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ \$78,023      Total Project Cost: \_\_\_\_\_ \$133020 (2022 and 2024 in 2017 \$)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ 12/03/19 \_\_\_\_\_

***Please answer and document all questions on the following page***

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Attach answers to the following questions. Applications will be returned as incomplete if all requested information is not provided. Include supporting materials as necessary.

**1. Goals:** The goal of this project is the continued preservation of the historic Jason Russell House (JRH). This house was built in 1745 by an ordinary farmer, Jason Russell, and was a witness house in the first battle of the American revolution. Jason and 11 of his neighbors died defending the house and the cause of American independence. British bullet holes are still visible in the house today.

This application is the latest iteration to two previous CPA grants. The first in 2016 enabled the Arlington Historical Society to commission a Condition Assessment and Preservation Plan (CA&PP) that laid out a blueprint for restoration of the JRH with critical items identified in year plans through the year 2024. Earlier, successfully completed projects were stabilization of the north sill and repointing of the north wall foundation, replacement of the wooden gutter on the east side of the JRH and enhanced drainage to move storm water runoff away from the JRH. A second grant in 2018-19 enabled sill and foundation work on the west side of the JRH, as well as window restoration and additional gutter work.

The current application seeks funding for sill and foundation work on the south and east sides of the JRH as well as continued window and door restoration. A preliminary budget stated in both 2017 and 2019 dollars has been done based on the CA&PP as updated by the architect's audit of 2018. This audit was funded by the previous CPA grant.

**2. Community Need:** Why is the project needed? Does it address needs identified in existing Town plans? If so, please specify.

The JRH is one of the historic treasures of Arlington. Very few other towns in the US have a structure that played a direct role in the earliest days of the American Revolution and is still standing today. Structures that are this old require careful restoration. JRH is identified in the Arlington Master Plan as an important historical resource. (Arlington Master Plan, Your Town, Your Future, Adopted February 4, 2015, pages 113 and 121).

The JRH is also listed in the recent inventory of cultural assets in the Town. <https://www.arlingtonma.gov/departments/planning-communitydevelopment/culturalplanning/cultural-district>

**3 Community Support:** What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support and any petitions.

This is a listing of the Letters of Support solicited for this project. Copies of the actual letters can be found in Appendix A “Letters of Support”. Note that if letters requested on 7 Nov 19 and reminders sent on 2 Dec 19 were not supplied in a timely fashion, the previous letter of support for work on the JRH is being used as a placeholder.

1. Letter of Support from Joe Curro, Chair, Board of Selectmen, Town of Arlington
2. Letter of Support from JoAnn Robinson, Chair, Historical Commission, Town of Arlington **pending**
3. Letter of Support from Steve Makowka, Chair, Historic Districts Commission, Town of Arlington **pending**
4. Letter of Support from Jeff Thielman, Chair, School Committee, Town of Arlington **pending**
5. Letter of Support from Paul Holtz, Co-Director of Grants, Massachusetts Historical Commission **pending**
6. Letter of Support from BJ Dunn, Superintendent, Minuteman National Historical Park

**4. Project Documentation:** Attach any applicable engineering plans, architectural drawings, site plans, photographs, any other renderings, relevant studies or material.

We are working directly from the above referenced CA&PP . The CPC has at least one and perhaps two copies of this document and it is also available online

at: <http://www.arlingtonhistorical.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/2017-0509-final-formatted-report-2.pdf>

**5. Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones?

*2019-2021 CPA Timeline*

1. August 2019 Preliminary Applications available (27 August)
2. October 7, 2019 Preliminary Applications due
3. October 2019 CPAC invites Final Applications
4. December 2019 Final Applications due
5. January 2020 Public presentations by applicants
6. January 2020 CPAC selects recommended projects
7. February 2020 CPAC consults with other town bodies
8. March 2020 CPAC finalizes recommended projects
9. April 2020 Annual Town Meeting begins
10. July 2020 Funds available (if approved by Town Meeting)
11. July 2020 Hire Design Associates to oversee project and begin process of selecting contractor

12. August 2020 Select Contractor. Apply for Arlington Historic Districts Commission permit
13. September 2020 Contractor gets building permit
14. October 2020 Begin work after JRH closes after Columbus Day
15. March 2021 Complete work so that JRH can reopen in April

**6. Credentials:** How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?

The Arlington Historical Society has been the steward of the JRH since its acquisition in 1923 and has faithfully maintained this historic treasure for the people of Arlington and indeed the whole United State since that time.

We have also been privileged to work with Patrick Guthrie of Design Associates on the JRH. Patrick, as mentioned earlier was involved in restoration of the Whittemore-Robbins Carriage House. A biographical sketch appears at: <http://www.design-associates.com/about-us/team/patrick-guthrie/>.

**7. Budget:** What is the total budget for the project and how will funds be sourced and spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified. Distinguish between hard and soft costs and contingencies. (NOTE: CPA funds may not be used for maintenance.)

The budget for this project is \$78023 and this includes a 25% contingency line. We are working on a house built in 1745 and this percentage seemed prudent given our experience. It also includes funding for Architectural and Engineering oversight as we had on the earlier phase of this work. Staff time to administer the project and an annual architectural inspection as called for in the CA&PP is included. A detailed budget with specific line items can be found in Appendix B.

**8. Other Funding:** What additional funding sources are available, committed, or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.

We are applying for a 1772 grant as suggested by Eric Helmuth, Chair of the CPC. The funds will be used to pull forward some of the restoration work planned for 2022 as outlined in the CA&PP.

**9. Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?

The JRH has always been maintained out of operating funds managed by the Arlington Historical Society. The Society has also been awarded two successive earmarks by the State Legislature that have been used to upgrade the physical plant and grounds of both the JRH and the attached Smith Museum.

**10. Impact on Town Budget:** What, if any, potential secondary effects will your proposed project have on the Town's Operating Budget? Are there any capital projects that rely on the successful completion of your project?

No impact on Town Budget. No capital projects rely on this project.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** Provide the following additional information, as applicable.

1. **Control of Site:** Documentation that you have control over the site, such as a Purchase and Sales Agreement, option or deed. If the applicant does not have site control, explain what communications have occurred with the bodies that have control and how public benefits will be protected in perpetuity or otherwise.

Deeds were submitted in our earlier CPA application in 2016 and have not changed. In addition, the Perpetual Deed Restriction cited in the next section has an Exhibit A that lists all of the relevant deeds, with excerpts and the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds with book and page numbers.

2. **Deed Restrictions:** In order for funding to be distributed, an appropriate deed restriction, meeting the requirements of Chapter 184 of Mass General Laws pursuant to section 12 of the Community Preservation Act, must be filed with the CPAC. Provide a copy of the actual or proposed restrictions that will apply to this project.

The Perpetual Historic Preservation Restriction with Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) appears as Appendix C. It has been signed by both AHS and MHC and notarized. It has now been duly registered.

3. **Acquisitions:** For acquisition projects, attach appraisals and agreements if available. Attach a copy of the deed.

None

4. **Feasibility:** Provide a list of all further actions or steps that will be required for completion of the project, such as environmental assessments, zoning approvals, and any other known barriers to moving forward.

None

5. **Hazardous Materials:** Provide evidence that the proposed project site is free of hazardous materials or there is a plan for remediation in place.

One of the Board Members of the Arlington Historical Society, Dr. Paul Fennelly is a recognized expert in Environmental Science, Pollution Control, and Soil and Groundwater Remediation. Dr. Fennelly has toured the House and has seen no indication of hazardous materials being stored on site, and he has seen no indication of hazardous materials being present as a result of spills, leakage, or other activities at the site. Dr. Fennelly has seen nothing in the JRH that would require remediation.

6. **Permitting:** Provide evidence that the project does not violate any zoning ordinances, covenants, restrictions or other laws or regulations. What permits, if any, are needed for this project? Provide the expected date of receipt for necessary permits, and copies of any permits already acquired.

We will need approval from the Town Building inspector for renovations, but since we were granted approval in 2017 and 2018 for current renovations, no problems are anticipated. The building permit will be needed by 1 November 2020.

7. **Environmental Concerns:** Identify all known wetlands, floodplains, and/or any natural resource limitation that occur within the boundaries of your submission.

None

8. **Professional Standards:** Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be followed if construction, restoration or rehabilitation is proposed. Evidence that the applicant and the project team have the proven or potential capacity to conduct the scope and scale of the proposed project, as evidenced by project leaders with appropriate qualifications and technical experience or access to technical expertise.

The Arlington Historical Society has a documented track record of doing restoration within the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines <https://www.nps.gov/tps/standards/treatment-guidelines-2017.pdf>

9. **Further Attachments:** Assessor's map showing location of the project.

The Assessor's Map appears as Appendix E. An additional map of the property is Exhibit B in the Perpetual Preservation Restriction Appendix C, page 14

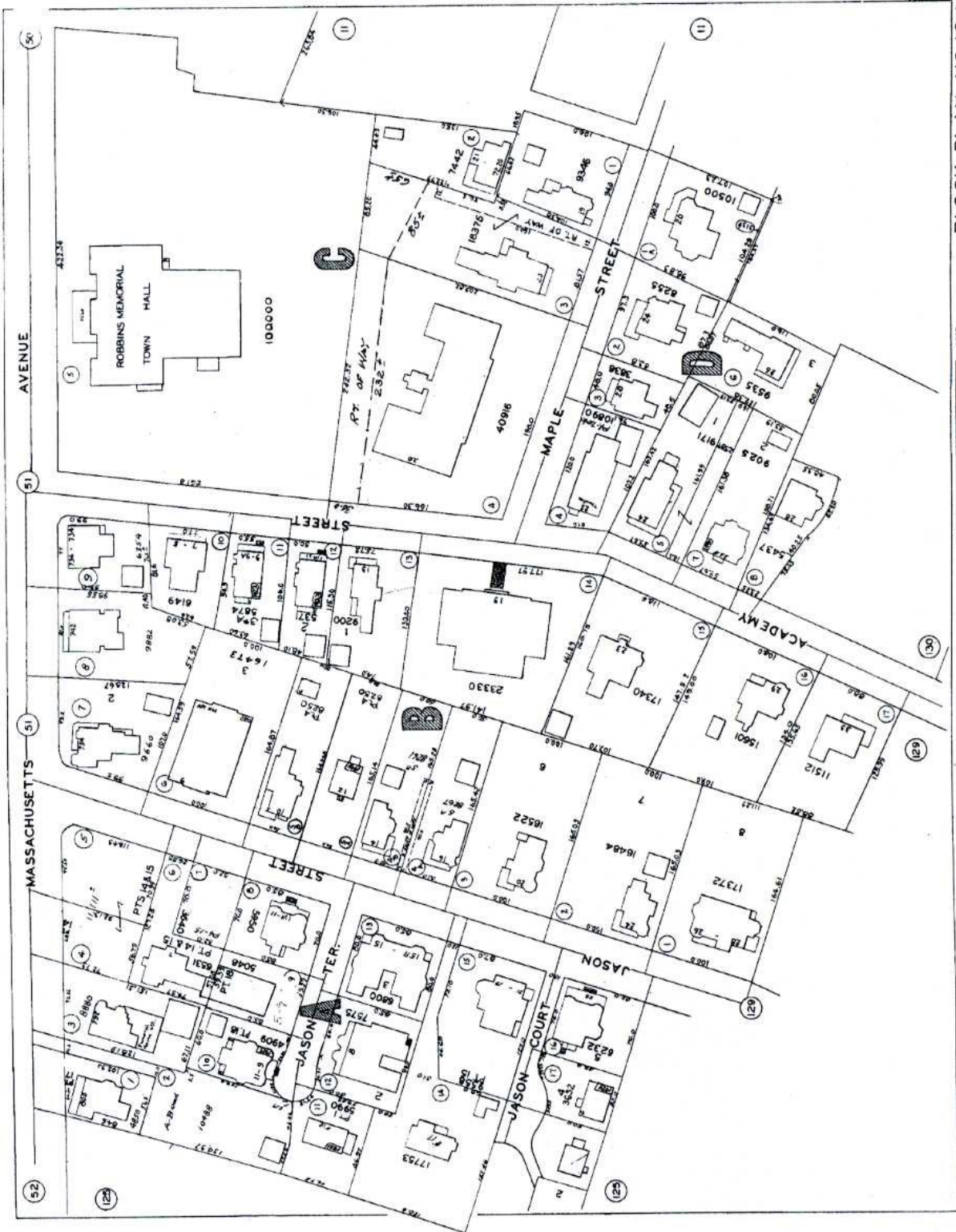
REMINDER: Projects financed with CPA funds must comply with all applicable state and municipal requirements, including the state procurement law, which requires special procedures for the selection of products, vendors, services, and consultants. Project sponsors will be required to meet with Arlington's Town Manager before the Town enters into any contracts or issues any purchase orders. However, this requirement can be waived if adherence to procurement procedures will be overseen by a Town Department Head or other MCPPO certified third party.



**Chart 1  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND ALLOWABLE SPENDING PURPOSES (G.L. c. 44B, § 5)**

	<b>OPEN SPACE</b>	<b>HISTORIC RESOURCES</b>	<b>RECREATIONAL LAND</b>	<b>COMMUNITY HOUSING</b>	
<b>DEFINITIONS</b> (G.L. c. 44B, § 2)	Land to protect existing and future well fields, aquifers and recharge areas, watershed land, agricultural land, grasslands, fields, forest land, fresh and salt water marshes and other wetlands, ocean, river, stream, lake and pond frontage, beaches, dunes and other coastal lands, lands to protect scenic vistas, land for wildlife or nature preserve and land for recreational use	Building, structure, vessel, real property, document or artifact listed on the state register of historic places or determined by the local historic preservation commission to be significant in the history, archeology, architecture or culture of the city or town	Land for active or passive recreational use including, but not limited to, the use of land for community gardens, trails, and noncommercial youth and adult sports, and the use of land as a park, playground or athletic field  Does <u>not</u> include horse or dog racing or the use of land for a stadium, gymnasium or similar structure.	Housing for low and moderate income individuals and families, including low or moderate income seniors  Moderate income is less than 100%, and low income is less than 80%, of US HUD Area Wide Median Income	
<b>ACQUISITION</b> Obtain property interest by gift, purchase, devise, grant, rental, rental purchase, lease or otherwise. Only includes eminent domain taking as provided by G.L. c. 44B	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>CREATION</b> To bring into being or cause to exist. <i>Seideman v. City of Newton</i> , 452 Mass. 472 (2008)	Yes			Yes	
<b>PRESERVATION</b> Protect personal or real property from injury, harm or destruction	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
<b>SUPPORT</b> Provide grants, loans, rental assistance, security deposits, interest-rate write downs or other forms of assistance directly to individuals and families who are eligible for community housing, or to entity that owns, operates or manages such housing, for the purpose of making housing affordable					Yes, includes funding for community's affordable housing trust
<b>REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION</b> Make capital improvements, or extraordinary repairs to make assets functional for intended use, including improvements to comply with federal, state or local building or access codes or federal standards for rehabilitation of historic properties	Yes if acquired or created with CP funds	Yes	Yes	Yes if acquired or created with CP funds	





## **2020 Proposed Restoration Work on the Jason Russell House**

Reference Numbers refer to specific rooms, windows and subcomponents in the Condition Assessment and Preservation Plan dated

Tasks Updated with the architect's annual inspection 7/11 and 8/18 2018

2019 Costs adjusted from 2017 to 2019 by 19% (3 years at 6%)

### **Framing Inspection and Insect Treatment for South and East Wall Sills**

Reference Number	Costs 2017	Costs 2019	
100	\$1,500	\$1,785	
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### **Foundation Repairs under South and East Sills**

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100	\$500	\$595	
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	\$3,500	\$4,165	\$4,165

### **Restorative Painting from Sill and Window Work**

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**Supervisory Staff Time** \$5,000

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PRESERVATION RESTRICTION AGREEMENT  
between the COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
by and through the MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
and the Arlington Historical Society

The parties to this Agreement are the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission located at the Massachusetts Archives Building, 220 Morrissey Boulevard, Boston, Massachusetts 02125, hereinafter referred to as the Commission, and the Arlington Historical Society, 7 Jason Street, Arlington, Massachusetts 02476, hereinafter referred to as the Grantor.

WHEREAS, the Grantor is the owner in fee simple of certain real property with improvements known as the Jason Russell House thereon as described in the deed dated October 11, 1923, from James A. Bailey to the Arlington Historical Society, recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 4667, Page 305; the deed dated October 10, 1951, from Howard S. Cosgrove to the Arlington Historical Society, recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 7811, Page 289; the deed dated June 29, 1960, from Ann B. Gibson to the Arlington Historical Society, recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 9623, Page 586; the deed dated September 30, 1961, from George W. and Helen L.B. Bowlby to the Arlington Historical Society, recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 9901, Page 229; and the deed dated October 30, 1974, from Marguerita MacPhail and Gladys S. MacPhail to the Arlington Historical Society, recorded with the Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 12719, Page 10; and which is located at 7 Jason Street, 0 Lot Jason Street, 0 Lot Massachusetts Ave., an unnumbered lot between 0 Lot Massachusetts and 792 Massachusetts Ave, and 5 - 7 Jason Terrace, Arlington, Massachusetts, 02125, hereinafter referred to as the Premises. The Premises is also described in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the Premises includes, but is not limited to, the following: the 18<sup>th</sup> century Jason Russell House, a two-and-a-half story, five bay, central chimney, clapboard clad house with subsequent clapboard clad additions including a gabled, central front door vestibule; a 19<sup>th</sup> century lean-to extending west from the original house; a 19<sup>th</sup> century ell extending west from the original house; two single story, eaves fronted connectors to the south; and the one-and-a-half story, eaves fronted, circa 1980 Smith Museum addition further to the south. On the .6 acre parcel are stone walls off the north and east elevations of the Jason Russell House and stone walls along Massachusetts Avenue and Jason Street. A plaque mounted on a low stone is situated just north of the House and commemorates the Reverend Laurence Barber. The premises is also shown as 7 Jason St., 0 Lot Jason St., 5 - 7 Jason Terr., and 0 Lot Mass. Ave. on the MassGIS Tax Parcels Map attached as Exhibit B hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Property 7 Jason St. Arlington



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Sara Lundberg  
7 Jason Street  
Arlington, MA  
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WHEREAS, the Grantor wishes to impose certain restrictions, obligations and duties upon it as the owner of the Premises and on the successors to its right, title and interest therein, with respect to maintenance, protection, and preservation of the Premises in order to protect the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity thereof; and

WHEREAS, the Premises is significant for its architecture, archaeology and/or associations, and was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, was listed as a contributing property to the Arlington Center National Register Historic District and included in the Arlington Multiple Resource Area in 1985, and included in the Jason Gray Local Historic District in 1998, and therefore qualifies for a preservation restriction under M.G.L., Chapter 184, section 32; and

WHEREAS, the preservation of the Premises is important to the public for the enjoyment and appreciation of its architectural, archaeological and historical heritage and will serve the public interest in a manner consistent with the purposes of M.G.L. Chapter 184, sections 31, 32, and 33 hereinafter referred to as the Act; and

WHEREAS, the Commission is a government body organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is authorized to accept these preservation restrictions under the Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the Grantor conveys to the Commission the following preservation restrictions, which shall apply in perpetuity to the Premises.

#### PURPOSE

It is the Purpose of these preservation restrictions to ensure the preservation of those characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity of the Premises which have been listed in the National and/or State Registers of Historic Places, under applicable state and federal legislation. Characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity of the Premises include, but are not limited to, the artifacts, features, materials, appearance, and workmanship of the Premises, including those characteristics which originally qualified the Premises for listing in the National and/or State Registers of Historic Places.

#### TERMS

The terms of the Agreement are as follows:

1. Maintenance of Premises: The Grantor agrees to assume the total cost of continued maintenance, repair and administration of the Premises so as to preserve the characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological and historical integrity of the Premises in a manner satisfactory to the Commission according to the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring, and Reconstructing Historic Buildings" (36

CFR 67 and 68), as these may be amended from time to time. The Grantor may seek financial assistance from any source available to it. The Commission does not assume any obligation for maintaining, repairing or administering the Premises.

2. Inspection: The Grantor agrees that the Commission may inspect the Premises from time to time upon reasonable notice to determine whether the Grantor is in compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

3. Alterations: The Grantor agrees that no alterations shall be made to the Premises, including the alteration of any interior, unless (a) clearly of minor nature and not affecting the characteristics which contribute to the architectural, archaeological or historical integrity of the Premises, or (b) the Commission has previously determined that it will not impair such characteristics after reviewing plans and specifications submitted by the Grantor, or (c) required by casualty or other emergency promptly reported to the Commission. Ordinary maintenance and repair of the Premises may be made without the written permission of the Commission. For purposes of this section, interpretation of what constitutes alterations of a minor nature and ordinary maintenance and repair is governed by the Restriction Guidelines which are attached to this Agreement and hereby incorporated by reference.

4. Notice and Approval: Whenever approval by the Commission is required under this restriction, Grantor shall request specific approval by the Commission not less than (30) days prior to the date Grantor intends to undertake the activity in question. A request for such approval by the grantor shall be reasonably sufficient as a basis for the Commission to approve or disapprove the request. The notice shall describe the nature, scope, design, location, timetable and any other material aspect of the proposed activity in sufficient detail to permit the Commission to make an informed judgment as to its consistency with the purposes of this Preservation Restriction. Within (30) days of receipt of Grantor's reasonably sufficient request for said approval, the Commission shall, in writing, grant or withhold its approval, or request additional information relevant to the request and necessary to provide a basis for its decision. However, should the Commission determine that additional time is necessary in order to make its decision the Commission shall notify the Grantor. The Commission's approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, and shall be granted upon a reasonable showing that the proposed activity shall not materially impair the Purpose of this Agreement. Failure of the Commission to make a decision within sixty (60) days from the date on which the request is accepted by the Commission or notice of a time extension is received by the Grantor shall be deemed to constitute approval of the request as submitted, so long as the request sets forth the provisions of this section relating to deemed approval after the passage of time.

5. Assignment: The Commission may assign this Agreement to another governmental body or to any charitable corporation or trust among the purposes of which is the maintenance and preservation of historic properties only in the event that the Commission should cease to function in its present capacity.

6. Validity and Severability: The invalidity of M.G.L. c. 184 or any part thereof shall not affect the validity and enforceability of this Agreement according to its terms. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.

7. Recording: The Grantor agrees to record this Agreement with the appropriate Registry of Deeds and file a copy of such recorded instrument with the Commission.

8. Archaeological Activities: The conduct of archaeological activities on the Premises, including without limitation, survey, excavation and artifact retrieval, may occur only following the submission of an archaeological field investigation plan prepared by the Grantor and approved in writing by the State Archaeologist of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (M.G.L. Ch.9, Section 27C, 950 CMR 70.00).

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10. Other Provisions: None applicable.

The burden of these restrictions enumerated in paragraphs 1 through 10, inclusive, shall run with the land and is binding upon future owners of an interest therein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017

ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By: [Signature]

Name: Stuart Brorson  
Title: President, Arlington Historical Society

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Stuart D. Brorson, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (a current driver's license) (a current U.S. passport) (my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that s/he signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes.

[Signature]

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Notary Public  
My Commission Expires 9/19/2019



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 26 day of October, 2017

ARLINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

By: Alan Jones

Name: Alan Jones

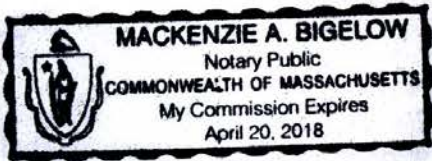
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Mackenzie Bigelow  
Notary Public Mackenzie Bigelow  
My Commission Expires April 20, 2018



APPROVAL BY THE MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The undersigned hereby certifies that the foregoing preservation restrictions have been approved pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 184, section 32.

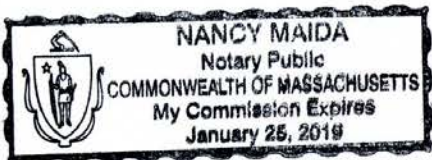
MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION

By Brona Simon  
Brona Simon  
Executive Director and Clerk  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Suffolk, ss.

On this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017, before me, the undersigned notary public, personally appeared Brona Simon, proved to me through satisfactory evidence of identification, which was (~~a current driver's license~~) (~~a current U.S. passport~~) (my personal knowledge of the identity of the principal), to be the person whose name is signed on the preceding or attached document, and acknowledged to me that she signed it voluntarily for its stated purposes.



Notary Public

Nancy Maida

My Commission Expires

January 25, 2019

## RESTRICTION GUIDELINES

The purpose of the Restriction Guidelines is to clarify Paragraph Three of the Terms of the Preservation Restriction Agreement, which deals with alterations to the Premises. Under this Paragraph, prior permission from the Massachusetts Historical Commission is required for any major alteration. Alterations of a minor nature, which are part of ordinary maintenance and repair, do not require the Commission's prior review.

In an effort to explain what constitutes a minor alteration and what constitutes a major change, which must be reviewed by the Commission, the following list has been developed. By no means is this list comprehensive: it is only a sampling of some of the more common alterations, which may be contemplated by building owners.

### PAINT

Minor - Exterior or interior hand scraping and repainting of non-decorative and non-significant surfaces as part of periodic maintenance.

Major - Painting or fully stripping decorative surfaces or distinctive stylistic features including murals, stenciling, wallpaper, ornamental woodwork, stone, decorative or significant original plaster.

### WINDOWS AND DOORS

Minor - Regular maintenance including caulking, painting and necessary reglazing. Repair or in-kind replacement of existing individual decayed window parts.

Major - Wholesale replacement of units; change in fenestration or materials; alteration of profile or setback of windows as well as any level of stained glass window conservation/restoration. The addition of storm windows is also considered a major change; however, with notification it is commonly acceptable.

### EXTERIOR

Minor - Spot repair of existing cladding and roofing including in-kind replacement of clapboards, shingles, slates, etc.

Major - Large-scale repair or replacement of cladding or roofing. Change involving inappropriate removal or addition of materials or building elements (i.e., removal of chimneys or cornice detailing; installation of architectural detail which does not have a historical basis); altering or demolishing building additions; spot repointing of masonry. Structural stabilization of the Premises is also considered a major alteration.

### LANDSCAPE/OUTBUILDINGS

Minor - Routine maintenance of outbuildings and landscape including lawn mowing, pruning, planting, painting, and repair.

Major - Moving or subdividing buildings or Premises; altering of Premises; altering or removing significant landscape features such as gardens, vistas, walks, plantings; ground disturbance affecting archaeological resources.

## WALLS/PARTITIONS

Minor - Making fully reversible changes (i.e., sealing off doors in situ, leaving doors and door openings fully exposed) to the spatial arrangement of a non-significant portion of the building.

Major - Creating new openings in walls or permanently sealing off existing openings; adding permanent partitions which obscure significant original room arrangement; demolishing existing walls; removing or altering stylistic features; altering primary staircases.

## HEATING/AIR CONDITIONING/ELECTRICAL/PLUMBING SYSTEMS

Minor - Repair of existing systems.

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It is the responsibility of the owner of the Premises (Grantor) to notify the Commission in writing when any major alterations are contemplated. Substantial alterations may necessitate review of plans and specifications.

The intent of the Preservation Restriction is to enable the Commission to review proposed alterations and assess their impact on the integrity of the Premises, not to preclude future change. Commission staff will attempt to work with Grantors to develop mutually satisfactory solutions, which are in the best interests of the Premises.

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**EXHIBIT A**

Legal Descriptions from the five deeds that together  
comprise the Premises

*...bounded southeasterly on Jason Street twenty-six and 85/100 (26.85) feet more or less; northeasterly on land of Wanzer and land of Young one hundred twenty-seven and 28/100 (127.28) feet more or less; northwesterly on land now or formerly of Hartwell seventy-nine and 57/100 (79.57) feet more or less; southwesterly on lot 18 on said plan fifty-seven and 78/100 (57.78) feet more or less; southeasterly again on land of Slack fifty-two (52) feet more or less; southwesterly again on said land of Slack seventy (70) feet more or less. Containing sixty-five hundred and thirty-one (6531) square feet more or less...*

Source: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 4667, Page 305;

*...Northerly by said Massachusetts Avenue, seventy five and 04/100 (75.04) feet; Southeasterly by said Jason Street, one hundred sixteen and 43/100 (116.43) feet; Southwesterly by land formerly of Bailey and now of the Arlington Historical Society, seventy and 99/100 (70.99); Northwesterly by land of Annie B. Silver Gibson by the center line of a passageway eight (8) feet wide as shown on the plan hereinafter mentioned, ninety-two and 13/100 (92.13) feet; containing seven thousand four hundred (7,400) square feet of land...*

Source: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 7811, Page 289;

*...Beginning at a stake on the southwesterly side of said Avenue, at land now or formerly of Cutter, thence running SOUTHWESTERLY on said land now or formerly of Cutter, seventy-two and 73/100 (72.73) feet to a stake at land now or formerly of Bailey; thence turning at a right angle and running SOUTHEASTERLY on said land now or formerly of Baily, fifty and 79/100 (50.79) feet to a stake, thence turning at a right angle and running NORTHEASTERLY on other land now or formerly of said Bailey, ninety-two and 13/100 (92.13) feet to a stake on the southwesterly side of Massachusetts Avenue; thence running WESTERLY on said Avenue, sixty (60) feet to the point of beginning. Containing 4,681 square feet of land...*

Source: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 9623, Page 586;

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly side of Jason Street, one hundred forty-three and twenty-eight hundredths (143.28) feet from the stone bound at the corner of said Jason Street and Massachusetts Avenue, thence running: - SOUTHWESTERLY by said Jason Street, fifty-two (52) feet to land now or formerly of Teel; thence turning and running NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Teel, seventy (70) feet; thence turning and running NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of James A. Bailey, fifty-two (52) feet; thence turning and running

SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of James A. Bailey, seventy (70) feet to the point of beginning. Containing three thousand six hundred forty [sic] (3640) square feet of land.

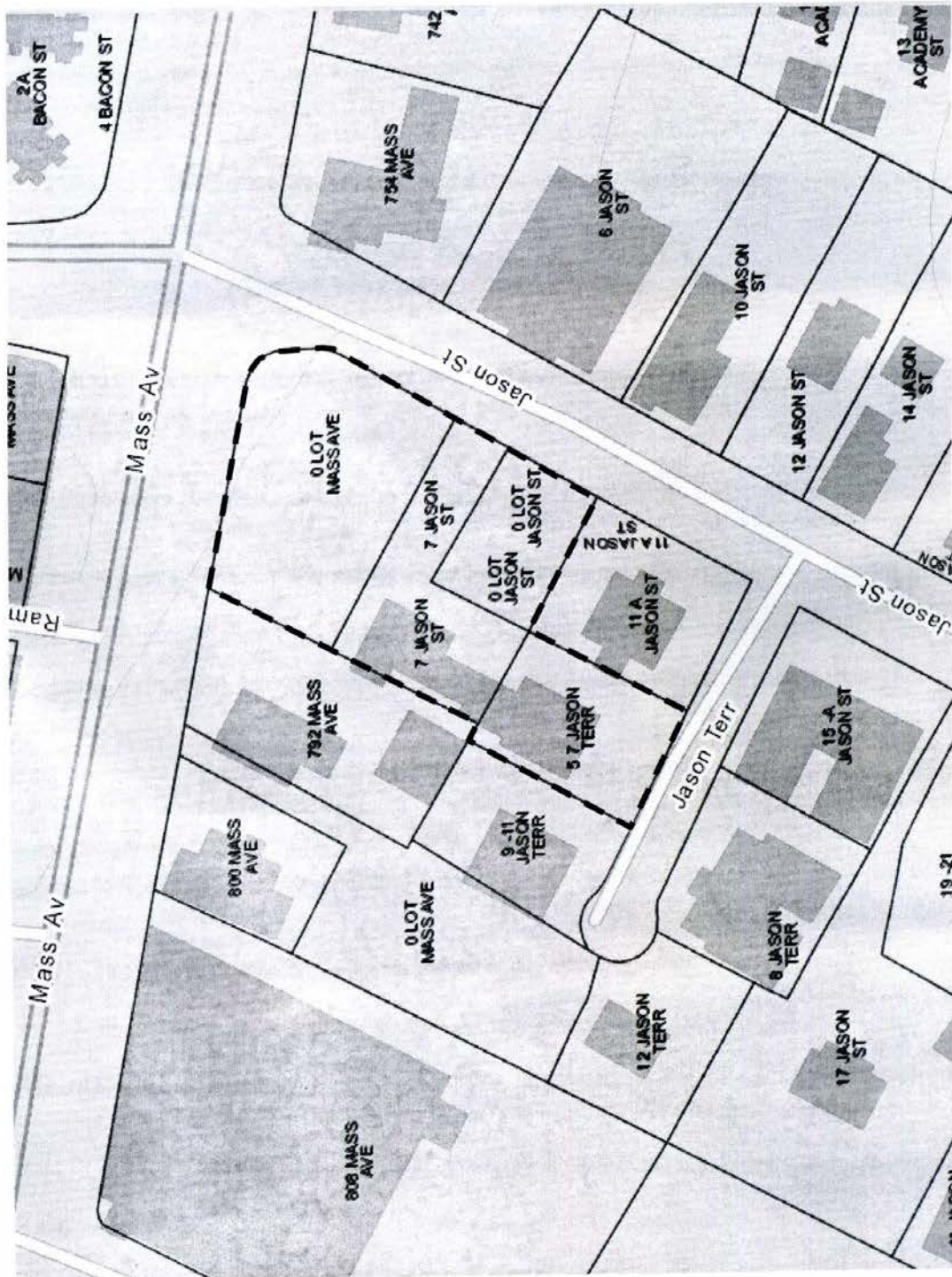
Source: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 9901, Page 229;

*...on the Northeasterly side of Jason Terrace and more particularly bounded and described as follows: SOUTHWESTERLY by Jason Terrace, fifty-nine and 39/100 (59.39) feet; SOUTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Teele, eighty-five (85) feet; NORTHEASTERLY by land now or formerly of Bailey, fifty-nine and 39/100 (59.39) feet; NORTHWESTERLY by land now or formerly of Clare, eighty-five (85) feet. Containing 5048.15 square feet of land, more or less.*

Source: Middlesex South Registry of Deeds, Book 12719, Page 10

**EXHIBIT B**

Jason Russell House  
Arlington Historical Commission  
7 Jason St., 0 Lot Jason St., 5 - 7 Jason Terr., 0 Lot Mass Ave.  
Arlington, MA 02476  
Source: MassGIS Tax Parcels Map  
Accessed February 2017



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Appendix A  
Letters of Support

Appendix B  
Budget

Appendix C  
Preservation Restriction

Appendix D  
Assessor's Map





## Restoration of the Jason Russell House

A Community Preservation Act Grant Proposal

Respectfully submitted to the Town of Arlington

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019

By the Arlington Historical Society

7 Jason Street, Arlington, MA 02476



## ARLINGTON HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSIONS

Carol Greeley, Executive Secretary  
c/o Department of Planning and Community Development  
Town Hall Annex - First Floor  
730 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476

December 4, 2019

Eric Helmuth, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
Town of Arlington  
730 Mass Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476

**Re: AHDC Support of CPA Application for Historic Preservation of the Jason Russell House**

Dear Mr. Helmuth,

As Chair of the Arlington Historic District Commissions, I am writing to communicate that the full Commission has voted its support for the Arlington Historical Society's Community Preservation Act grant application to fund additional restoration tasks as identified by the Condition Assessment and Preservation Plan (CA&PP) for the Jason Russell House.

The Jason Russell House is located in the Jason/Gray Historic District and thus falls under AHDC jurisdiction. It is perhaps one of the most historically significant individual structures remaining in the town today. The CA&PP provides a roadmap and prioritization of the most pressing restoration and rehabilitation needs of the structure. Work completed to date represents an important start to this work. The AHDC strongly supports the allocation of funds in the current round of CPA funding to address remaining significant needs as identified in that report.

Sincerely,

  
Stephen Makowka  
Chair, AHDC

cc: Adam Chapdelaine Town Manager  
JoAnn Robinson Chair AHC  
George Parsons Trustee Arlington Historical Society  
Carol Greeley AHDC Executive Secretary  
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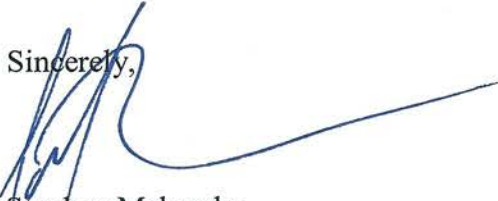
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The Jason Russell House is located in the Jason/Gray Historic District and thus falls under AHDC jurisdiction. The recently completed CA&PP provides a roadmap and prioritization of the most pressing restoration and rehabilitation needs of the structure. The AHDC strongly supports the allocation of funds to address the significant issues identified in that report which threaten what is perhaps one of the most historically significant individual structures remaining in the town today.

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December 4, 2017

Eric Helmuth  
Chair, Arlington Community Preservation Committee  
Arlington Town Hall  
730 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476

**RE: Jason Russell House, 1173 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington  
Community Preservation Grant, 2018**

Dear Mr. Helmuth,

This letter is written to express the Arlington Historical Commission's full support for the Arlington Historical Society application for an Arlington Community Preservation Act grant.

Since the first CPA grant was awarded in October of 2016, a Condition Assessment and Preservation Plan (CA&PP) for the Jason Russell House has been completed. This document details what must be done in restoration and maintenance to preserve this historical treasure for the people of Arlington.


The current grant request for \$78,000 would pay for architectural and engineering oversight and restoration projects. The tasks are taken directly from the CA&PP generated above for restoration needed in 2018 and include examination of the foundation on the west side of the JRH, restoration of historically significant windows in the JRH, restoration of ceilings and upgrades to sprinkler and fire alarms.

The Jason Russell House, built in 1740, is an important landmark in the Town. It is the site of one of the earliest skirmishes in the Revolutionary War. As the British retreated from Lexington and Concord back to Boston, battling the Minutemen all the way, they shot and bayoneted Jason Russell at his house. Eleven other Minute Men, who had gathered in Arlington, also lost their lives there on April 19, 1775.

The Arlington Historical Society, a non-profit corporation organized in 1897, acquired the Jason Russell House in 1923. The house is on the State and National Register of Historic Places. It is possibly the most important historic resource in the Town of Arlington. The Society opens the Jason Russell House to school groups throughout the year and to visitors every weekend from Patriot's Day to Columbus Day in the summer.

The Commission appreciates your consideration of the grant request for preserving this important and highly visible historic building, which visitors from all over the world enjoy.

Thank you for the opportunity to express support for this important project.



JoAnn Robinson

Chair, Arlington Historical Commission

*November 10, 2017*

*Eric Helmuth, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
Town Hall  
730 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476*

*Dear Mr. Helmuth,*

*The Arlington School Committee members deeply appreciate the labor of the Arlington Historical Society in the continuous restoration and maintenance to preserve the historical Jason Russell House for the community of Arlington.*

*This letter is to show our appreciation of their accomplishments and during our regular School Committee meeting on Thursday, November 9, 2017 the committee members unanimously voted in the affirmative to support the request of the Arlington Historical Society to apply for a CPA grant for the restoration needed in 2018 to continue the work on the Jason Russell House.*

*We thank the Community Preservation Committee in advance for all you do for the people of Arlington and for considering the grant application to preserve the Jason Russell House.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mr. Jeff Thielman, Chair  
Arlington School Committee*

*CC: George Parsons, PH.D.  
School Committee members*

*JT: kmf*

21 Millett Street  
Arlington, MA 02474-2113  
November 15, 2019

Eric Helmuth, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
Town of Arlington  
730 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476

Dear Chairman Helmuth,

As the Community Preservation Committee takes up its consideration of applications for CPA funding and develops recommendations to the 2020 Annual Town Meeting, I would like to commend to you and the committee a project in the historical preservation category.

The Arlington Historical Society has applied for funding to continue work on the sills and foundations on the south and east sides of the Jason Russell House, as well as more window restorations and repointing of the main chimney. The Society has also requested funding for architectural and engineering oversight and staff time to administer the grant, as well as a contingency fund to address inevitable unforeseen conditions associated with work on such an old building. The requested grant will leverage previous CPA funding, as well as State funds and private donations, to ensure that this most valued of Arlington's historical assets endures into the future. The Jason Russell House has played an important role in educating our students and has been at the center of our tourism promotion efforts. As a member of the Select Board, I have been privileged to hear periodic presentations by Society representatives regarding work performed to date on the structure, and I look forward to the full realization of this project with CPA support.

Thank you very much for the work that you and your colleagues do to make the Community Preservation Act such a success in Arlington. As the former co-chair of the ballot initiative that led to its adoption, I can say with great confidence that you have exceeded the expectations for this program, and I wish you all the best for future successes.

Respectfully,

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December 5, 2019

Eric Helmuth  
Chair, Arlington Community Preservation Committee  
Arlington Town Hall  
730 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476

**RE: Jason Russell House, 1173 Massachusetts Avenue, Arlington  
Community Preservation Grant FY21**

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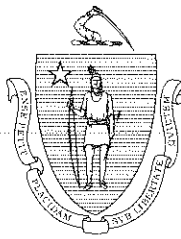
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Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 4, 2017

Eric Helmuth, Chair, Community Preservation Committee  
Town Hall  
730 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476

RE: Jason Russell House

Dear Mr. Helmuth:

This letter is written to express the Massachusetts Historical Commission's (MHC) support for the Arlington Historical Commission's application to the Arlington Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for grant funding for the Jason Russell House. If awarded, this Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant will help to fund an examination of the foundation on the west side of the Jason Russell House, restoration of historically significant windows, restoration of ceilings, and upgrades to sprinkler and fire alarms. The grant funding will also cover architectural and engineering oversight of the project. This project will total approximately \$78,000.

The Jason Russell House, a Georgian period vernacular farmhouse built circa 1740, is nationally and locally distinctive as the site of the most intense fighting between retreating British soldiers and local civilians on April 19, 1775. The property was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, was listed as a contributing property to the Arlington Center National Register Historic District and included in the Arlington Multiple Resource Area in 1985, and included in the Jason Gray Local Historic District in 1998. A ten-year preservation restriction was recorded on the property on March 16, 2017 and a perpetual preservation restriction will be recorded on the property as a condition of MHC's MPPF development grant, illustrating the Arlington Historical Society's commitment to the ongoing preservation of the Jason Russell House.

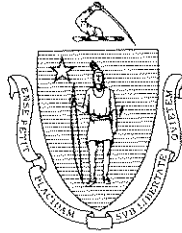
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We welcome this opportunity to provide support for the ongoing preservation of the Jason Russell House.

Sincerely,

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Paul Holtz  
Historical Architect  
Co-Director Grants  
Massachusetts Historical Commission



## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 4, 2019

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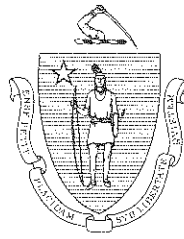
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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Massachusetts Historical Commission

December 4, 2019

Eric Helmuth, Chair, Community Preservation Committee  
Arlington Town Hall  
730 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02476

RE: Jason Russell House

Dear Mr. Helmuth:

This letter is written to express the Massachusetts Historical Commission's (MHC) support for the Arlington Historical Commission's application to the Arlington Community Preservation Committee (CPC) for grant funding for the Jason Russell House. If awarded, this Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant will help to fund continued work on the sills and foundations on the south and east sides of the Jason Russell House, additional window restoration, and repointing of the main chimney. The grant funding will also cover architectural and engineering oversight of the project. This project will total approximately \$78,000.

The Jason Russell House, a Georgian period vernacular farmhouse built circa 1740, is nationally and locally distinctive as the site of the most intense fighting between retreating British soldiers and local civilians on April 19, 1775. The property was individually listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, was listed as a contributing property to the Arlington Center National Register Historic District and included in the Arlington Multiple Resource Area in 1985, and included in the Jason Gray Local Historic District in 1998. A perpetual preservation restriction was recorded on the property on December 12, 2017 as a condition of MHC's MPPF development grant, illustrating the Arlington Historical Society's commitment to the ongoing preservation of the Jason Russell House.

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IN REPLY REFER TO:

November 22, 2019

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