

Community Preservation Committee Town of Belmont

CPA Funding - Preliminary Application

Ten copies of the completed Preliminary Application must be submitted to the following address by **September 30, 2014**:

Community Preservation Committee
c/o Floyd S. Carman, Treasurer
Town of Belmont
PO Box 56
Belmont, MA 02478

Project Title Belmont Veterans Memorial Project
Applicant/Contact Person Kevin Ryan
Organization Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee
Mailing Address [REDACTED]
Telephone [REDACTED] E-mail [REDACTED]
Signature Kevin Ryan Date 26 Sep 2014

CPA Category (check all that apply):

Community Housing
 Open Space

Historic Preservation
 Recreation

Amount Requested \$150,000
Total Project Cost \$350,000

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Brief Description of Project:

Include the address/location and current owner of the property, as well as any critical dates. Please attach supplemental information (photographs, drawings, documents etc) as desired.

Mission of the Belmont Veterans' Memorial Project

To recognize the Belmont citizens who serve their nation in the armed forces in time of war by expanding the current memorial to veterans at Clay Pit Pond and repairing WWI and WWII Memorials.

Beginning in this 100th anniversary year of WWI, the "Great War," which coincides with the 50th Anniversary Year of Vietnam, The Belmont Veterans' Memorial Project proposes to raise \$350,000 to fund three improvements to Belmont's memorials to veterans.

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The Belmont Veterans' Memorial Project will provide much needed repair of existing monuments and update our recognition of Belmont citizens who have served their nation in time of conflict. The project is being closely coordinated with the town leadership, the school committee and other interested groups. These monuments, placed outdoors where Belmont's citizens, young and old, can see them, will provide us the opportunity to remember the sacrifices of our neighbors and contemplate the costs of war.

Brief Description of Benefit

How does the project fulfill the general and specific criteria of the Community Preservation Committee Guidelines?

All three parts of the Belmont Veterans' Memorial Project - the refurbishment of the WWI monument, the expansion of the Clay Pit Pond memorial and, the re-creation of a WWII memorial - provide direct benefit to the town of Belmont; preserving its character, protecting its historic resources, enhancing access to its historic sites, and educating its future generations.

Preserving Historic Resources

The Veterans' Memorial Project restores the magnificent memorial to the veterans of the "Great War" preserving the town's history of service to the nation and beautifying a tranquil open space in the town's center. The project likewise restores a lost memorial to the veterans of WWII and creates new memorials to those who fought in Afghanistan and Iraq. The work of the project brings the history of Belmont's citizens in closer contact with current and future generations.

Enhancing Open Spaces and Recreational Land

Belmont's WWI and Clay Pit Pond memorials serve as recreational and open space for the town of Belmont. Residents enjoy the tranquility of the sites and reflect on the meaning of those conflicts and the sacrifices of their forbearers. The project makes all Belmont's memorials more accessible and visible to the towns people by locating them outdoors and improving the sites. At the Clay Pit Pond site, the project will, for example, create a handicap accessible path from Conrod Avenue to the memorial area. To preserve the space as open and recreational the memorials to veterans of Vietnam, Korea, Afghanistan, and Iraq will blend in to existing outdoor sites without creating new buildings or large structures. The memorials will provide opportunity for quiet reflection – a recreational activity that has few venues. The memorial at Clay Pit Pond connects the conservation group's initiative to create interesting and accessible paths around Clay Pit Pond to the open space on the school property where children play, citizens stroll and high school-ers run cross country. The project protects and upgrades land of high scenic character and historic significance. The memorial sites also provide opportunity for holding recreational events such as music concerts and gatherings. Each year for example, the town's Memorial Day parade, which ends at the High School, could end at the memorial site. Like the CPA's vision for the town's parks and fields, the memorial sites "provide a venue for numerous community-based programs to thrive. They encourage people to be actively engaged in their community, and [ensure] recreational land succeeds in fostering meaningful social engagements in Belmont."

Belmont Veterans' Memorial Project

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Folan Company Estimate for WWI Monument Repairs

Article on White Field House, "Helping Repair a Place in Belmont History"

Article by James MacIssac on Belmont's Teddy Lee and Donny Ray



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The Belmont Veterans Memorial Project will raise \$200,000 for the expansion and improvement of the 1940 Veterans' memorial at Clay Pit Pond to recognize servicemen and women from all the wars after WWII.

At Clay Pit Pond there is a small 1940 monument dedicated to citizens who "served the United States in war" and, the memorial committee proposes to expand the scope of that memorial in order to recognize the town's veterans who served in wars since WWII; including Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. The site will allow veterans of future wars to also be recognized.



The current memorial site at Clay Pit Pond consists of a flag pole and small bronze plate on a boulder, surrounded on three sides by a three foot high field stone wall. The plaque is dedicated to "those citizens who served the United States in war."

The expansion adds a space of similar size to allow for additional bronze plates mounted on boulders, or low walls similar to the current wall. The plan provides a path from the park entrance at the corner of Concord and Underwood streets to the site. Granite benches allow visitors to rest, read the plaques, and view the pond.

At the site, a bronze plaque for each conflict pays tribute to veterans who fought and died in the conflict by naming them. Paving stones bearing the names of veterans who fought but did not die in the conflicts cover the ground along side the names of donors. Donors are also recognized on benches, and plaques. The design of the site and the plaques will be presented to the town for approval before construction. (No trees will be taken down because of this project.) This project has been coordinated with the town's plans for the walking trail around Clay Pit Pond.



The memorial committee, working with town officials and residents, is gathering the names of all veterans who fought or died in the conflicts to properly recognize them. The cost of the landscaping, plaques, stone work, benches, and pavers, will be met through private donations, to be raised by the veterans and other volunteers.



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Fund Raising Plan

Goal: \$350,000

Intermediate Objectives:

Raised by 30 June 2015: \$175,000

Raised by 30 May 2016: \$175,000

Expenditures:

Item	Estimate	Remarks
Final Design Work	\$10,000	
Boulders or low stone wall for plaques	\$30,000	
One low stone wall with plaque for selected donors	\$12,000	
Five bronze plaques with names of fallen (Korea, Vietnam, Cold War, Afghanistan, Iraq)	\$50,000	
Benches with inscriptions from donors (4)	\$8,000	
Pavers for memorial area	\$10,000	
Walkway from Underwood and Concord Roads	\$20,000	
Landscaping	\$50,000	
Lighting of flag pole	\$10,000	
Repair and refurbish WWI Memorial	\$60,000	
Move WWII plaque to James Paul White Field House	\$50,000	
Estimated Total Cost	\$310,000	

Targets to raise \$350,000:

- Veterans Goal - \$75,000
- Pavers (with name of donor \$150) Goal - \$15,000
- Memorial Benches (with name of donor \$20,000) Goal - \$100,000
- Selected donor name on plaque (\$10,000) Goal - \$160,000



Background



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May 29, 2013

Kevin Ryan
Director, Defense and Intelligence Projects
Harvard Kennedy School of Government

Re: World War I Monument- Belmont, MA

Dear Mr. Ryan,

We have reviewed the existing condition of the World War I Monument and submit the following proposal to furnish labor and material to perform the following masonry repairs and restoration. The items are as follows:





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PERMITS - Furnish all necessary permits as required by Town of Belmont Inspectional Services.

REMOVAL OF PAINT - Remove existing paint from all surfaces using Sure Klean Heavy Duty Paint Stripper at the monument & 2 side walls.

RESTORATION CLEANING- At the Monument, two side walls, pavers and two granite walkways high Pressure Cleaning-using Sure Clean Heavy Duty Restoration cleaner and a high-pressure washer clean all brick masonry and concrete surfaces to remove all built up carbon stains. Special care is to be used to protect all non-masonry surfaces. Some areas may require the use of Poltice cleaner. Test samples to be installed and approved prior to commencing work.

PAVERS- At the pavers two need replacement with new to match existing. In addition there are 19 stones that require resetting to match original.

100% STONE JOINTS REPOINTING - Cut out all stone joints 100%, a minimum of 1" deep or to a sound substrate. Clean the joints, then backpack and repoint with new mortar with color, texture and tooling to match original.

FINAL WASH DOWN - After all masonry repairs are complete, they are to be washed down using Sure Klean 600 Detergent to remove all excess mortar stains.

WATERPROOFING- After all repairs are complete and cured apply Modac a solvent based Acrylic Pigmented Breathable Waterproofing.

Total Price.....\$48,600.00

Sincerely,

Noreen Folan
Vice President
NF/af

World War I Monument- Belmont

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MASONRY RESTORATION AND WATERPROOFING CONTRACTORS - CONSULTANTS

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grey coat of protective paint. The monument's paint is peeling and it is stained by carbon from years of automobile traffic. Restoring the memorial is a project that not only preserves the monument for future generations but also preserves what the Belmont Historical Society calls an "historic park honoring military service."

Community Support: The Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee has briefed the Belmont Board of Selectmen, the Belmont School Board, the Community Preservation Committee and, the Belmont Historical Society on the details of the initiative and the plans for memorials for all Belmont's veterans. All the of the entities listed above expressed their support for the committee's work and in particular stated their support for the restoration of the WWI memorial. (A letter from the Belmont Historical Society is attached.)

Project Documentation: Attached is an initial estimate of the work required for the restoration and preservation work.

Timeline: It is estimated that the restoration and preservation work can be initiated and completed in advance of Veteran's Day 2015, if the project is accepted by the Community Preservation Committee and approved by the town's citizens at the spring 2015 Town Meeting.

Credentials: The Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee is comprised of volunteers with experience and expertise important to successfully complete the project. The committee has several veterans, the commander of the local VFW Post, Belmont businessmen and former selectmen, a landscape expert and, a lawyer. Each of these individuals brings an important expertise to the group for organizing, financing and, planning this effort.

Success Factors: The project will be successfully completed when the memorial is cleaned, restored, and preserved. Our goal is to be ready for a rededication ceremony on Veterans Day 2015.

Budget: The total amount of money requested to restore and preserve the monument to the fallen in the "Great War" is \$60,000. This money would cover:

- Permits
- Removal of Paint
- Restoration Cleaning
- Paver "resetting" and cleaning
- Stone Joint Repointing
- Wash Down
- Waterproofing

Other Funding: The restoration of the WWI memorial is part of a larger privately funded project to restore and preserve several monuments in Belmont. The Veterans Memorial Committee is raising all the funds necessary for the work through private funding and donations. The overall project goal is \$350,000 of which the CPA's grant would be part. Work on the WWI memorial that falls outside the permissible work allowed under the CPA grant will be

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accomplished with other private funding. Any cost over runs for work beyond the \$60,000 CPA grant will be covered by private donations.

Maintenance: The WWI memorial is currently a town responsibility and maintenance is the town's responsibility. The Belmont Veterans Project, however, proposes to raise funds to share in covering future maintenance needs for this monument and all the Belmont veterans memorials.

Impact on Town Budget: The restoration of the WWI memorial with the use of CPA funding does not supplant any current town plans, but it dovetails with town plans to improve the Belmont center and roads.

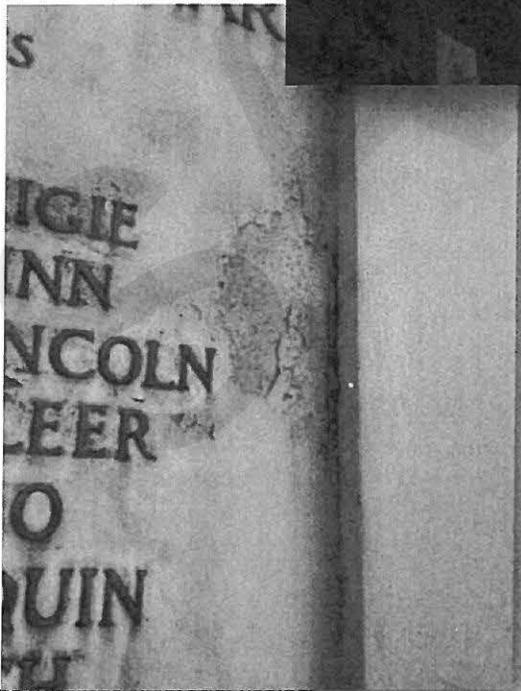


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The Belmont Veterans' Memorial Project will raise \$60,000 for the repair and refurbishment of the WWI Memorial at the intersection of Common and Concord Avenues. Repairs include removing the paint on the monument, cleaning the underlying stone, repointing stones, repairing lettering, cleaning surrounding stone railings.



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November 11, 2014

Margaret Velie
Chair of the Community Preservation Committee
Town of Belmont
455 Concord Avenue
Belmont, MA 02478

RE: The Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee Community Preservation Act Funding Application

Dear Ms. Velie:

The Belmont Historical Society strongly supports the Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee's Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding application to make needed restorations to the World War I Memorial located on the delta on Common Street.

Since its formation as a town in 1859, Belmont residents have contributed greatly with their service to our country in the many wars in which the government has called upon them to serve. The World War I Memorial honors the historical significance of their service and sacrifice to the United States and its allies while also raising awareness of the history of that war.

The Belmont Historical Society is dedicated to preserving local history and believes that such war memorials serve not only as memorials to those who served and died but as historical lessons about our town's history. As the years grow between today and World War I, such memorials become more important as they replace living memory as reminders of the war's history. The memorial honors the residents of Belmont who died in World War I in addition to those who served in the war. Without such publically visible memorials, future residents might forget the role that Belmont played in that war or that the war even occurred.

The granite WWI Memorial monument itself is also now a historic object. It was dedicated in 1923 and is now part of the Common Street Historic District. The memorial along with the more recently added U.S.S. Constitution cannons turn what would be a meaningless delta in the roadway into a historic park honoring military service. The monument is now in declining condition and the stones, lettering, and balustrades are now in need of restoration. It is important to complete these rehabilitations to the memorial before more of the monument is worn away from exposure to weather and pollution.

It is our hope that the Community Preservation Committee will recommend funding for the Belmont Veterans Memorial Committee's project to repair the World War I monument so that it can continue to serve as a historic reminder to the public of the sacrifices that our past residents have made in World War I. As we go through the centennial anniversary of World War I, this would be a fitting historical tribute.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any further assistance to you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



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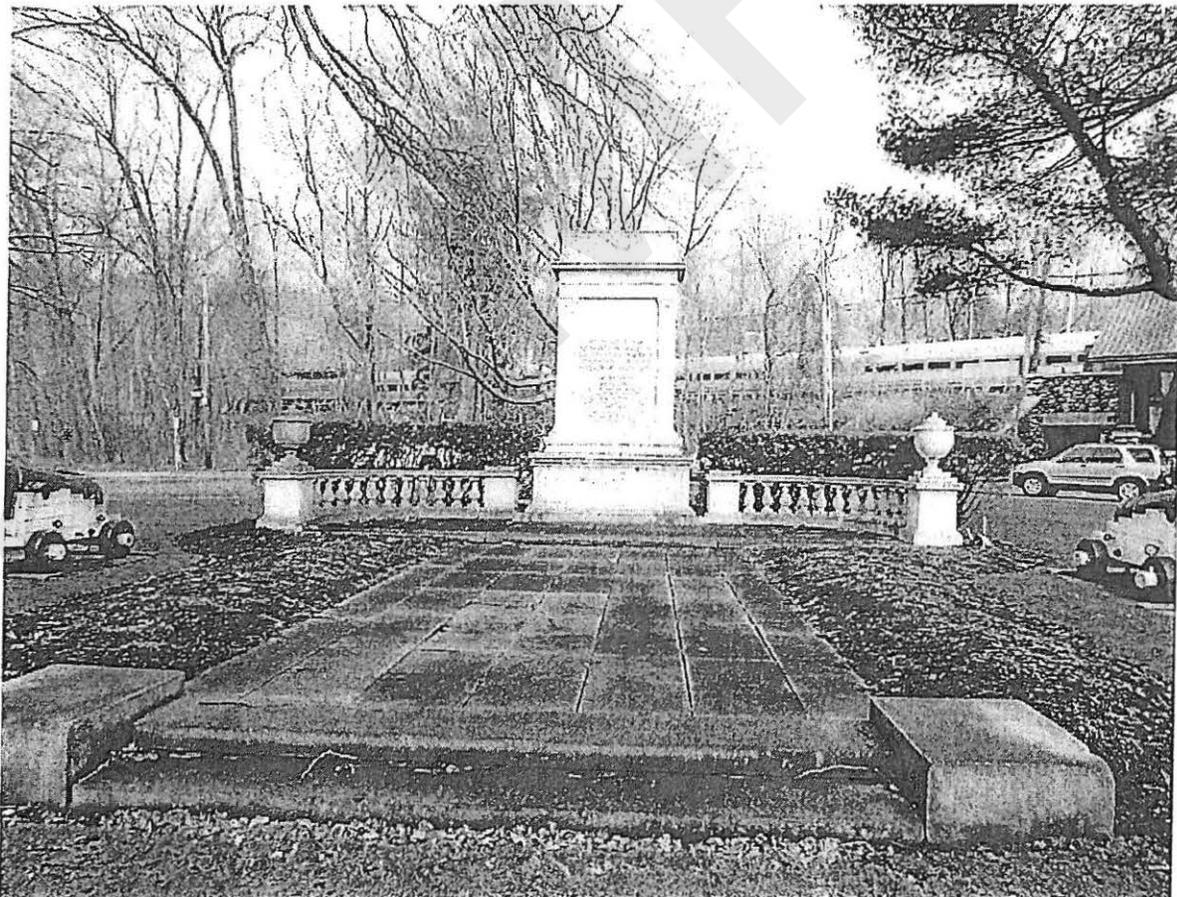
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