


## Community Preservation Committee Town of Belmont

### CPA Funding – Final Application

Ten copies of the completed Final Application must be submitted to the following address by no later than 7:00 pm on Monday, November 30, 2020:

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

*Unless an applicant can demonstrate that a significant opportunity would otherwise be lost, final applications will not be accepted after the submission deadline. In order for the CPC to consider a project proposal that cannot adhere to the deadlines as outlined in the **Standard Application Process**, the project must meet the additional selection criteria as outlined in the **Special Application Process**.*

Project Title Belmont Police Station Restoration & Expansion  
Project Location 460 Concord Ave. Belmont, MA 02478  
Applicant/Contact Person Anthony Ferrante  
Organization DPW / BPD Building Committee  
Mailing Address 15 Westlund Road Belmont, MA 02478  
Telephone 617-359-9289 E-mail aafbelmont@verizon.net  
Signature  Date August 21, 2020

CPA Category (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Historic Preservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Open Space        | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation            |

Amount Requested \$100,000.00

Total Project Cost \$8,349,712.32

The CPC will review the Final Applications. Applicants will be contacted if additional information or an interview is required. The CPC may also request to visit the site of the proposed project. Applicants will be notified by mid-January whether the CPC plans to recommend their project at the next Annual Town Meeting.

## **PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

This application is for CPA funding to provide much-needed improvements to the deteriorating historically significant front steps of the Police Station at the Town Complex. The project is sponsored by the DPW/BPD Building Committee and supported by the Belmont Historic District Commission. The application is for \$100,000 and consists of wide-ranging repairs to the exterior masonry and stonework, entry steps, and related items. The CPA funds for this project will augment previous CPA funds for restoration of the building as well as the capital project funds approved by Town Meeting for new additions to the existing building. Together, these funds will finally bring the Police Department a much-needed long-range solution to meet department needs including state and federal mandated standards and codes.

## **Goals**

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As a significant historic building within Belmont's historic town complex, and adjacent to Belmont's Pleasant Street Historic District, the 1930 Georgian Style Police Station contributes to the overall character of the town. The current restoration / renovation project that is underway will greatly improve and preserve this important structure for decades to come.

The existing historic police station steps have been neglected for decades with only minor repairs put in place multiple times. Each time a repair has been completed, it would fail again within a few short years and have to be re-done yet again. In January 2019, the Community Preservation Committee approved funds for the historic restoration of a good portion of this facility. These funds were further approved at Town Meeting. That set of funds held some dollars for cosmetic repair to the front steps of the facility. The Scope of Work did NOT include funds for repairing underlying structural conditions since at the time they were not well known. Further, as this was an active police station during the time of 2018 / 2019 applications, exploratory non-destructive demolition could not be accommodated for safety reasons and because no contractor was on board. This limited everyone's understanding of possible extent of repairs and thus of the initial funding request.

With this supplement to the original CPA application and funding, much needed repairs include stair masonry and stonework will take place, as this work can now be performed safely and in concert with the rest of the contractors working on the project. Underlying structural conditions will safely be uncovered allowing a more thorough understanding of why stone is cracking, masonry is subsiding, and other related issues. The funds being applied for now will be used toward repair of these underlying conditions and allow the steps to be re-built in a way that resolves unforeseen conditions leading to their long-term durability.

The project to upgrade the exterior steps of the historic building is supported by the DPW/BPD Building Committee and the Historic District Commission.

### **Background**

The historic police station is currently undergoing construction for major additions and related improvements to the building to assist in meeting the long-range needs of the Police Department. The general scope of the work

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and budget for these capital improvements were approved by Town Meeting in May 2018. However, due to an abundance of caution to not undermine the front entrance of an operating police station, much needed upgrades of the existing historic exterior stair are not included in the budget approved by Town Meeting.

This Final Application will provide the funding for much-needed construction upgrades to the existing historic stair shown in the attached photos and design documents.

The CPC met last week to approve the special application process and per Elizabeth Harmer Dionne's instructions, we are submitting a final application under the special application process in order to meet tight deadlines.

We believe this project meets the special needs criteria since exploratory, non-destructive demolition could not occur on the main entrance to an operating police station, and there was not a contractor involved with the project at the time, since it was still in design and not construction. Further, time is of the essence because the project is scheduled for construction completion in late winter and for the best results of this work, these tasks should be undertaken now before cold weather sets in.

Following final funding, the design team will complete the documents as necessary and the contractor will perform the full extent of the repair / renovation work.

The historic Police Station, built in 1930, is part of the historic Belmont Town Complex. It is also adjacent to the Pleasant Street Historic District, listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The building is listed on the Massachusetts Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth. The MACRIS cover page and the 1982 Massachusetts Historical Commission Form B from the 1982 inventory are attached.

#### Historic Background

The design of the building, by famed Belmont architect H. Thaxter Underwood, is of Georgian Revival style with a prominent center entrance. The building was designed in a colonial residential style. Details of the brick façade include a gambrel slate roof with raking parapet end walls; double chimneys; limestone banding, panels and related details; a pedimented entry, fluted pilasters and columns; and double-hung windows.



The building is included in the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS – the online database for historic resources in the Commonwealth) with an inventory form completed in 1982. Excerpts from the 1982 historic inventory include the following:

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Historical Significance

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## Community Need

The CPA funds for this project are essential to the completion of the overall police station project. A permanent solution for the Police Department has been priority for the Capital Budget Committee since a master list of projects was generated in January 2000 when the Board of Selectmen convened all town boards and committees. Projects have been approved continuously since then, but the Police Department needs have been continuously delayed. A feasibility study was done in 2005 and updated in 2014 for the Financial Task Force. Long-term solutions for the police department needs were updated in 2014 for the Financial Task Force. The needs were high on a list created by the Capital Budget Committee around 2012 and echoed in the 2015 Financial Task Force report. The Major Capital Projects Working Group then advocated for the “Big Four” projects in 2016-17 with the Police Station taking a high priority along with the DPW facility. MCPWG succeeded in having a building committee appointed in the Fall of 2017 to address both the police station and DPW.

## Community Support

Wide community support for the police project was evident in the near unanimous vote of Town Meeting in May, 2018 to endorse the plan presented by the building committee for an addition and renovation project. Citizens toured the building prior to Town Meeting and wrote letters of support in the local press. The Town values our police department and recognizes the obligation to provide both police personnel and the public with a safe, accessible, and welcoming police station that meets the needs of 21<sup>st</sup> century policing. Further, it became evident that the community wishes to keep the police station in the center of town, thus driving the decision of the building committee to renovate and add to the existing station rather than forming a plan to build a new one on another site.

## Project Documentation

Attached are the drawings photographs of existing conditions and proposed recommendations for replacements and repairs prepared by The Galante Architecture Studio, Inc., architects for the project.

## Timeline

August 21, 2020	Final CPA Application submitted
August 26, 2020	Final CPA Application approved
August 27 – 30 <sup>th</sup>	Final construction drawings prepared
September 2020	Masonry demolition and inspection of conditions
Sept – October 2020	Construction

## Credentials

### Department of Public Works/Belmont Police Department Building Committee

The Department of Public Works/Belmont Police Department (DPW/BPD) Building Committee members were appointed by Town Moderator Michael Widmer. Membership consists of nine members with significant experience in numerous town-wide building projects including law, historic preservation, architecture, engineering, neighborhood affairs, and town finances. The committee is chaired by Capital Budget Committee and Major Capital Projects Working Group Chair and former Selectman Anne Marie Mahoney.

### Historic District Commission (HDC)

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The Historic District Commission also acts as the Town's Historical Commission and is co-chaired by Tracy Marquis and Lisa Harrington. By law, the HDC is comprised of appointed professionals representing local historic districts, Belmont Historical Society, real estate, architecture, landscape architecture, historic preservation, and history disciplines.

### **Success Factors**

The DPW/BPD Committee and Historic District Commission, co-sponsors of this CPA application, anticipate a project that will be carefully and efficiently managed and delivered on budget and on time. The design team is lead by The Galante Architecture Studio in Cambridge, carefully selected for their wide experience in both public and historic buildings. The Owner's Project Manager (OPM) is Daedalus Projects Inc. with almost thirty years' experience in public sector services managing and cost estimating.

### **Budget**

The estimated budget for this portion of the project is Not to Exceed \$100,000.00

### **Other Funding**

The goal of the funding plan is to construct a police station (as well as a DPW facility) without asking the voters for a debt exclusion. To this end, a plan was formed in cooperation with Floyd Carman, the Town Treasurer, and Patrice Garvin, the Town Administrator, to identify enough money to pay the bonds on a total debt of \$7.4. Funds being accessed to achieve this include: Capital Budget turnbacks, debt service on other projects and borrowing that will come off the books, and one-time Capital funds. In addition, the Building Committee has received from the Capital Budget Committee \$125,000 for DPW furnishings in FY20 and \$135,000 for Police station furnishings in FY21. Further, the Committee received a grant in the amount of \$100,000 for Police station lockers from the Belmont Savings Bank Foundation. Also, the Mugar family and other private donors have contributed toward renovation of the kitchen, a task not included in the original design and bid. Finally, operating funds from both the DPW and Police Departments have been used for various equipment in both facilities.

### **Town Properties**

According to the Assessor's Office database, the existing police station is owned by Inhabitants of Belmont.

### **Private Entity as Project Sponsor**

Not applicable

### **Maintenance**

The stairs will require ongoing, routine maintenance. Successful completion of structural repairs and overall refurbishing of the stairs should reduce those costs

### **Impact on Town Budget**

There should be no impact on the Town budget beyond what would be expected in additional operating expenses for an expanded building. However, energy efficiencies should mitigate the additional operating expense. If anything, using CPA money to refurbish the exterior of the historic portion of the building will actually save Town money. Should the CPA not fund our request for historic preservation funds the necessary work on the steps does not disappear. The work would have to be funded in increments by the annual Capital Budget.

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It should also be pointed out that if the work is not done now, as part of the current construction project, the Town can expect to pay more due to mobilization and equipment charges, but also due to a need to undo and any work planning to be put in place now as part of this current construction project.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

### **1. Control of Site**

The site is owned by the Town of Belmont

### **2. Deed Restrictions and other Protections**

We are not aware of any deed restrictions or other protections

### **3. Acquisition**

The Police Station is owned by the Town of Belmont. No additional acquisition is needed or required.

### **4. Feasibility**

The project is expected to proceed in a normal design and construction schedule. The Office of Community Development is facilitating applications to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals related to issues of height, number of stories, landscaping, etc.; and, a variance from the Disability Access Commission was obtained to retain the existing side entry to the building as the accessible entry.

This work is quite feasible since it will be performed by masons and other contractors currently on site who are currently focused on renovations to this area.

### **5. Hazardous Materials**

There are no known hazardous materials associated with the stairs. There were hazardous materials discovered on previous portions of the site and they have been abated and removed. If they are encountered here, funds from the Warrant Committee transfer and any remaining contingency are a possible sources of funding.

### **6. Permitting, Review and Approvals**

There was a review of the construction documents by the office of Community Development prior to invitation to bids. This review included compliance of the project with the Stormwater and erosion control By-Law, Building code and zoning. Since this is an ongoing project the building permit has already been obtained. We will review the scope of work with the Building Commissioner to determine if any modifications to the permit will be required.

### **7. Environmental Concerns**

There are no apparent environmental concerns for this CPA project.

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## 8. Professional Standards

Qualifications of the sponsors of this application, as well as those of the design and project management teams, are discussed above.

Work on the exterior of the historic Police Station exterior will be guided by the Secretary of Interior Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. The Secretary's Standards are the benchmark for preservation practice in the United States and are used by state historic preservation offices (SHPO) including the Massachusetts Historical Commission as well as local historical commissions including Belmont's Historic District Commission, as the framework for evaluating proposed projects on historic properties.

## 9. Further Attachments

**Attachment A:** Design team drawings, photos, schedules of the proposed improvements to the historic police station.

**Attachment B:** The Massachusetts Historical Commission's Cultural Resource Information System Inventory Form, completed in 1982 for the historic Police Station.

**Attachment C:** Letters of Support









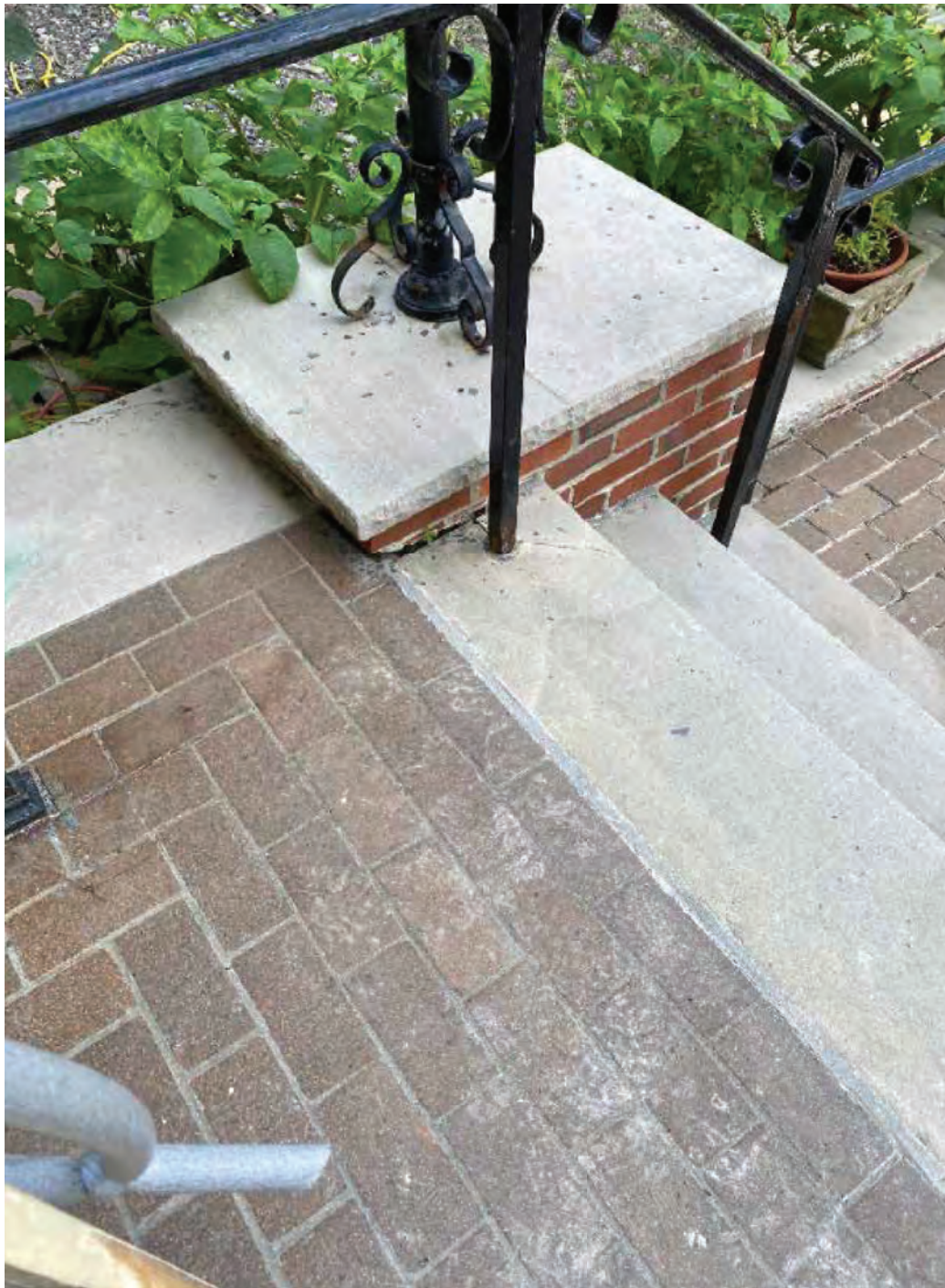




















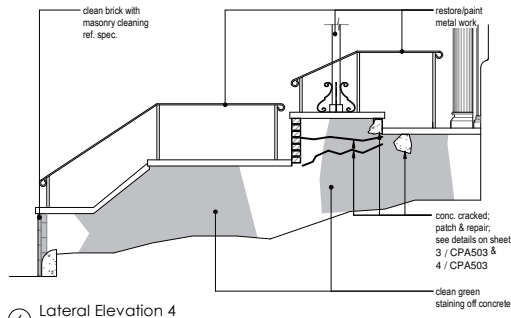




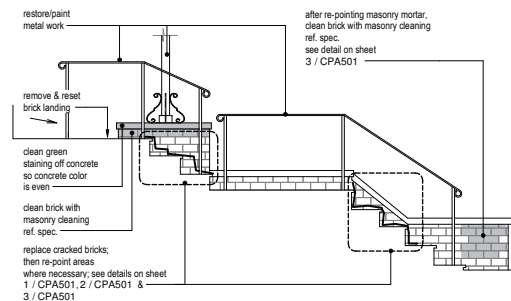




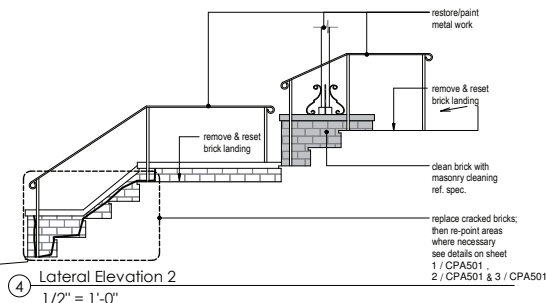




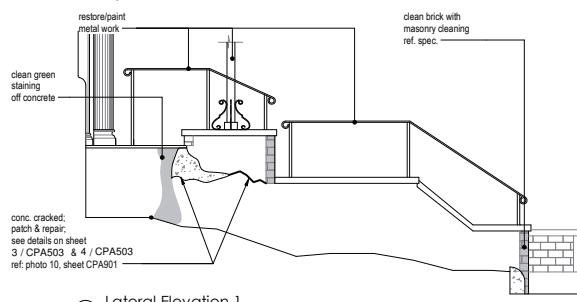
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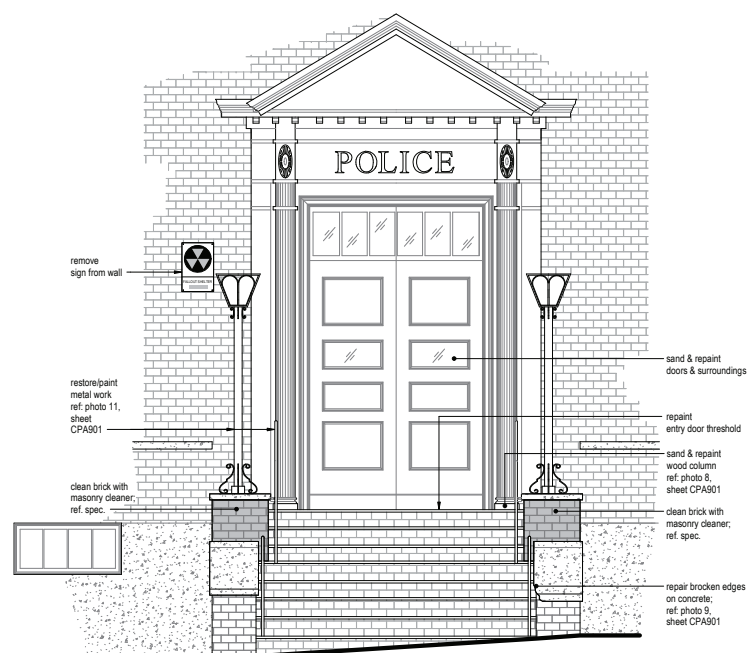
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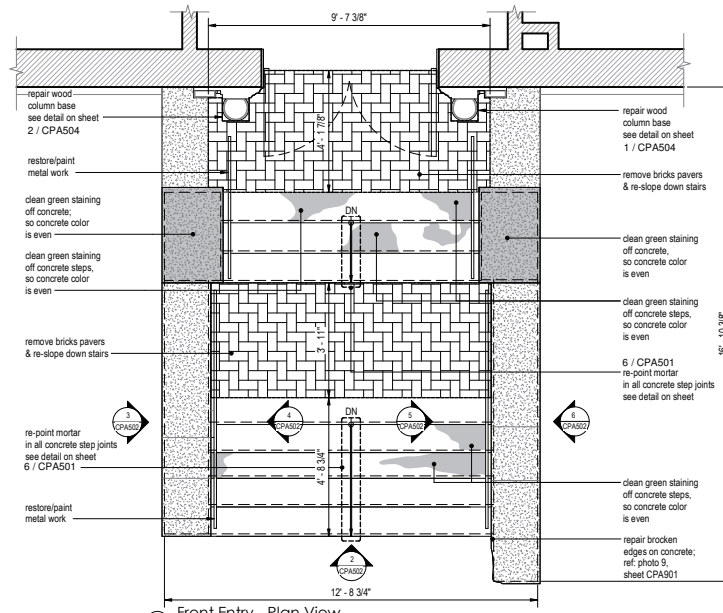
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2 Front Entry - Elevation  
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1 Front Entry - Plan View  
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#### Notes:

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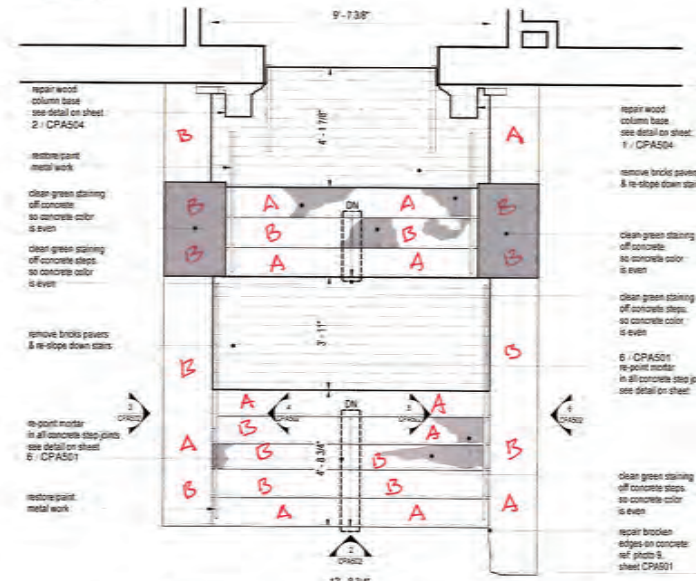
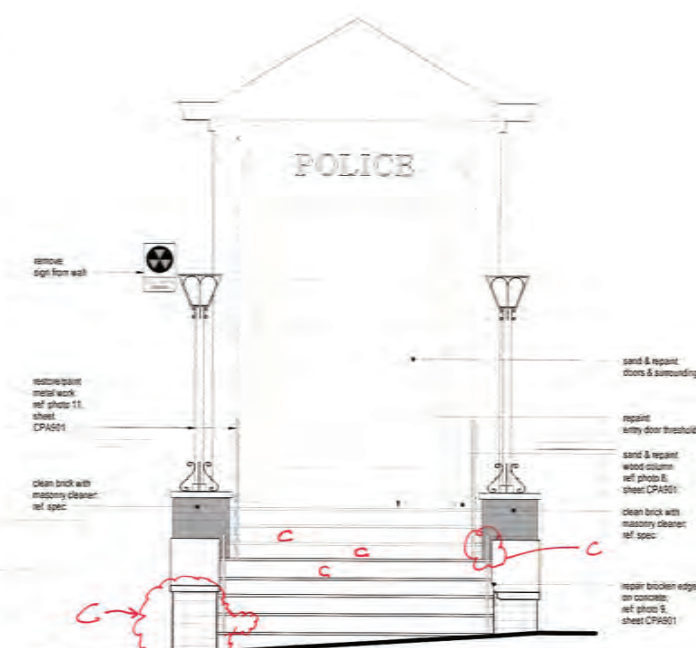
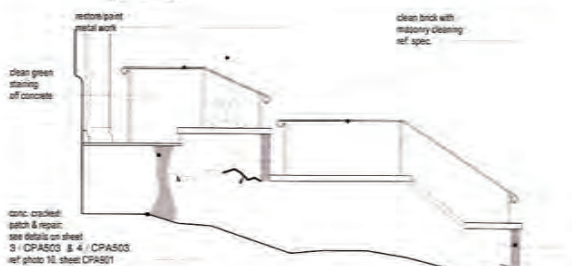
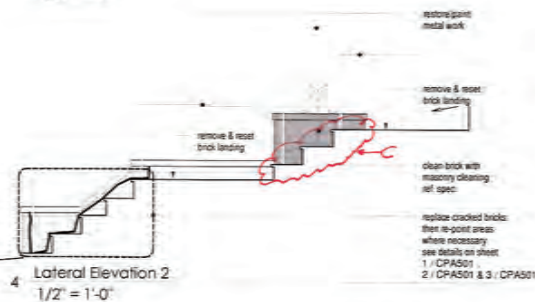
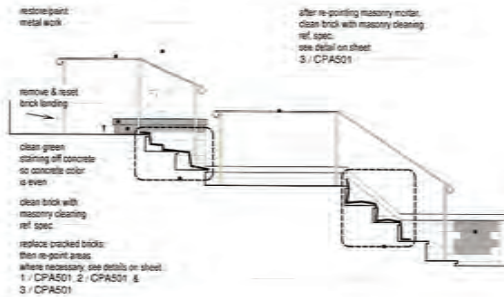
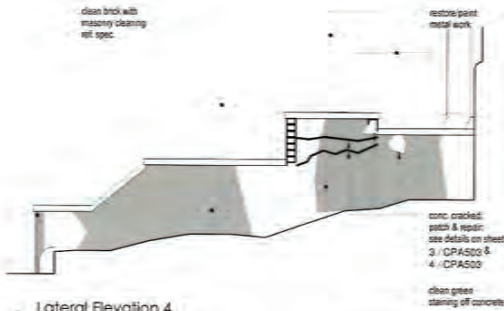
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# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	460 Concord Ave
<b>City/Town:</b>	Belmont
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	
<b>Local No:</b>	31-11
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	1930
<b>Architect(s):</b>	Underwood, H. Thaxter
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	Colonial Revival
<b>Use(s):</b>	Police Station
<b>Significance:</b>	Architecture; Politics Government
<b>Area(s):</b>	BLM.AT: Belmont Center
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Slate Wall: Brick; Limestone; Wood Foundation: Concrete Unspecified



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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION



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AREA <u>T<sup>2</sup></u>	FORM NO. <u>31-11</u>
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AT

Belmont

Address 460 Concord Avenue

Historic Name Police Station

Present Police Station

Original Police Station

DESCRIPTION:

1930

Source Belmont Building Department.

Style Georgian Revival

Architect H.T. Underwood

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings

Major alterations (with dates)

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approx. acreage \_\_\_\_\_

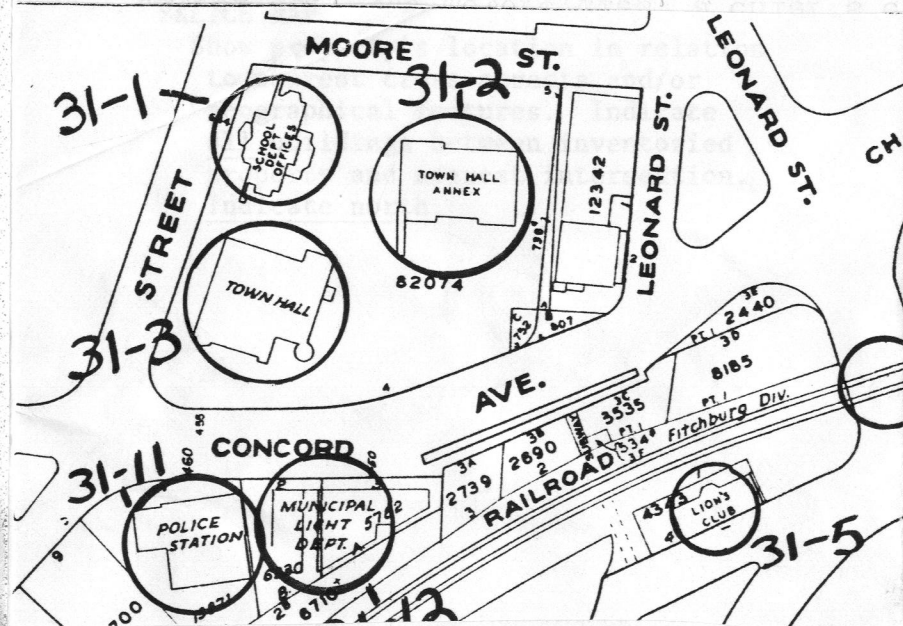
Setting Town Center, on one of the major cross streets.

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Organization Boston University

Date November 1982

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The present police station was built in 1930 to replace the Town Hall basement as police headquarters. This new structure provided the police force with the added space which had greatly been needed.

The first building to be considered a police station was located on Concord Avenue. It was called the Town Farm and was used to house tramps from 1877 until 1934 when it was torn down. The first chief of police was David Chenery who was the town constable and responsible for the running of the Farm.

By the time the present police station was built, the police force included Chief John O'Brien, 6 sergeants, 24 patrolmen, and 3 special patrolmen. Their equipment consisted of a teletype, an ambulance, one patrol car, two motorcycles, a chief's car, a sergeant's car, and a flashlight signal system throughout town.

By 1976, the police force had 96 employees.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community: Belmont	Form No: 31-11
Property Name: Police Station	

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

Architectural Significance

In this instance, the Georgian Revival mode was not used to construct an imposing municipal edifice, but rather the station was built to resemble a colonial residence similar to many being constructed in Belmont at that time.

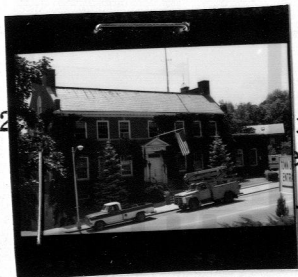
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FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
Office of the Secretary, State House, Boston

In Area no.	Form no.
	254



x5")  
of form

1. Town Belmont

Address Concord & Pleasant Sts.

Name Police Station

Present use "

Present owner Town of Belmont

3. Description:

Date 1930

Source interior entrance plaque

Style Colonial Revival(Williamsburg)

Architect H. Thaxter Underwood

Exterior wall fabric red brick

Outbuildings (describe) jail in rear

Other features 2 1/2-story, double end-chimneys. Grey slate roof. 7-bay symmetrical facade. 1-story side wing Plain pedimented center entrance.

Altered \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Moved \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

5. Lot size:

One acre or less X Over one acre \_\_\_\_\_

Approximate frontage 40'

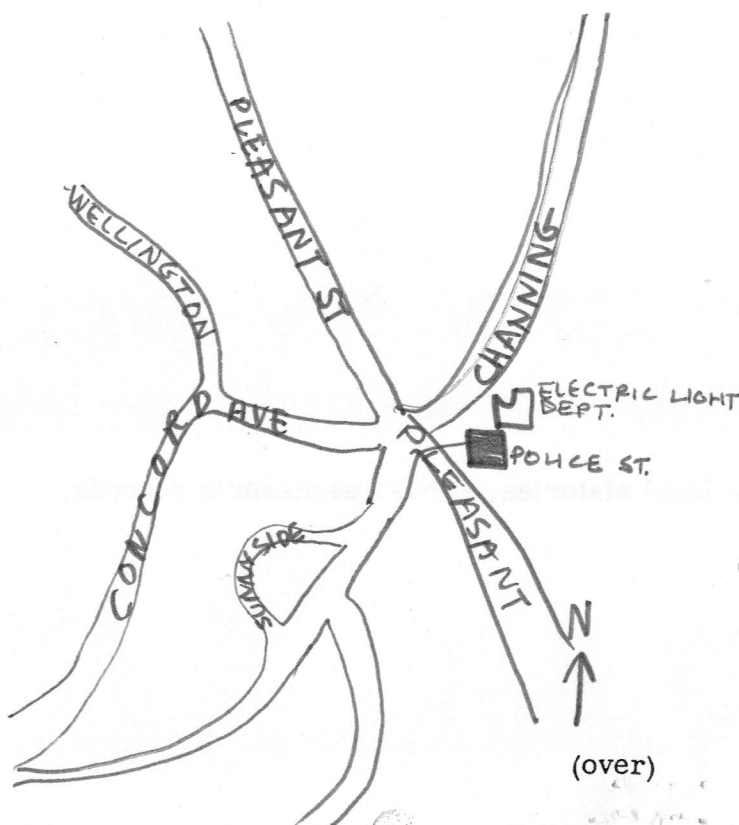
Approximate distance of building from street 10'

6. Recorded by Harriet White

Organization MAPC

Date 7/13/78

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



(over)



7. Original owner (if known) Town of Belmont

Original use police station

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates \_\_\_\_\_

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	_____	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>X</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
TOWN OF BELMONT  
19 Moore Street  
Homer Municipal Building  
Belmont, Massachusetts 02478-0900  
Historic District Commission

August 20, 2020  
Elizabeth Dionne, Chair  
Community Preservation Committee  
Town Treasurer's Office  
Homer Municipal Building  
19 Moore Street  
Belmont, MA 02478

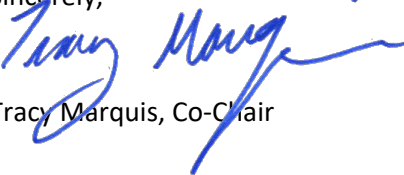
Dear Ms. Dionne and Community Preservation Committee,

On August 20, 2020, the Historic District Commission voted unanimously to support the CPA application for the repair of the historic front steps of the Belmont Police Station. The project is sponsored by the DPW/BPD Building Committee. The application is for \$100,000 and consists of wide-ranging repairs to the exterior masonry and stonework, entry steps, and related items. The CPA funds for this project will augment previous CPA funds for restoration of the building as well as the capital project funds approved by Town Meeting for new additions to the existing building. Together, these funds will finally bring the Police Department a much-needed long-range solution to meet department needs including state and federal mandated standards and codes.

As stated in the application, the Belmont Police Station, designed by H. Thaxter Underwood and built in 1930, is an important component of the historic Belmont civic complex. It is listed in the Massachusetts Historical Commission's Inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth and directly abuts the Pleasant Street Historic District, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Moreover, the Georgian Revival character of the building is a significant aesthetic component of the civic buildings that comprise the Town Hall complex. The front steps are an essential part of the historic character of the Police Station; and, the Historic District Commission verifies that the proposed project meets the Secretary of Interior Standards.

We are extremely grateful for the diligent work of the building committee in shaping a project that both accommodates the important functional needs of the Police Department and protects the historic character of the building. This is a significant accomplishment for Belmont. The Historic District Commission strongly supports this application.

Sincerely,



Tracy Marquis, Co-Chair