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**RE: CITY OF BEVERLY AWARDED GRANT TO HELP SUPPORT HISTORICAL PRESERVATION**

Beverly MA – The City of Beverly's Historic District Commission (BHDC) has been awarded a 2015 Planning and Survey Grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission in the amount of \$12,500 to conduct a historic resource survey for approximately 125 properties throughout the city.

The program is a federally funded, reimbursable, 50/50 matching grant program to support historic preservation planning activities in communities throughout the state. The BHDC has also been awarded a matching grant through Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding, totaling the amount to \$25,000.

Mayor Michael Cahill said, “I want to thank Associate Planner Allison Crosbie for her tireless efforts as well as Director of Grants Susan Richman for her support making this grant application a success as well as the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Community Preservation Committee for awarding us these funds. It is incredibly important that we preserve the beauty, charm and character in our community, now and for generations to come.”

According to Wendy Pearl, Chair of the Community Preservation Committee, “The Beverly Community Preservation Committee is pleased to provide funding for an expanded inventory of Beverly's historic properties, which will help preserve the city's unique character and rich cultural heritage.”

The survey will focus on municipal and public buildings as well as historic landscapes. The resulting documentation will help to inform planning initiatives and qualify the City for additional funds to preserve or restore historic resources, as well as provide residents a more complete history of their community. The grant will be used to hire a professional preservation consultant by the end of summer, with the project work commencing in September 2015.

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