

**APPLICATION FOR
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT ELIGIBILITY**

Date: November 2, 2020

Project Title: Small Plaque Restoration

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CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open Space

Historic Preservation

Recreation

Community Housing

CPA Funding Requested: \$14,000

Total Project Cost: \$14,000

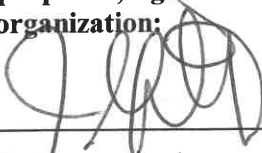
Project Description: The project proposes to perform cleaning/restoration/refinishing to 14 small bronze plaques that can be found throughout the downtown area on important historical markers. It's normal for plaques to require refinishing as the following factors affect their appearance over time:

- **Weather:** As all of these markers reside outdoors, weather conditions are causing wear and tear on them. Rain, snow, wind and sun all lead to the eventual breakdown of the protective coating that helps maintain the bronze plaque's luster.
- **Age:** Time is a significant factor in why plaque refinishing is necessary. The longer a marker remains outdoors, exposed to the elements and atmosphere without a protective coating, the faster its appearance will deteriorate. The initial review of the plaques does not reveal that any would require restoration, versus only cleaning and refinishing, but such assessment will need to be performed by a professional conservator.

Through the project to restore the plaques, it is hoped that the historical narrative associated with these important events and people noted on the markers can again be highlighted for city residents and visitors.

Estimated Project Budget: The estimated project budget is \$14,000. This cost was verified by Josh Craine, Principal of Daedalus, Inc. of Watertown, MA. Mr. Craine is the Head of Conservation for Daedalus, Inc, and is a Professional Associate of the American Institute of Conservation, and previously worked with the City on the restoration of the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial at the South Street Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Craine has estimated \$1,000 for the restoration of each plaque.

Where appropriate, signature of property owner (or City representative if City-owned) and/or chief executive officer of organization:



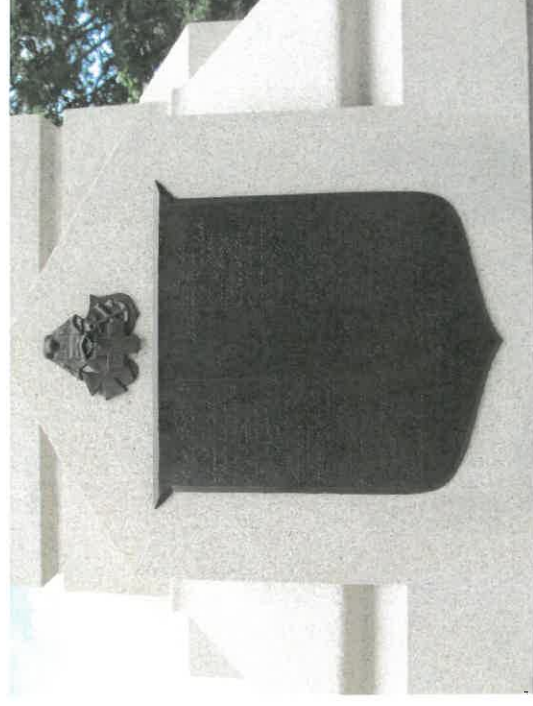
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NOTE: This application enables the CPC to review the request to ensure eligibility and offer guidance. If eligible, an Application for Funding must be completed.

City monument small plaque restoration CPA application fy 2021



Civil War monument restoration on Park Square, 2013



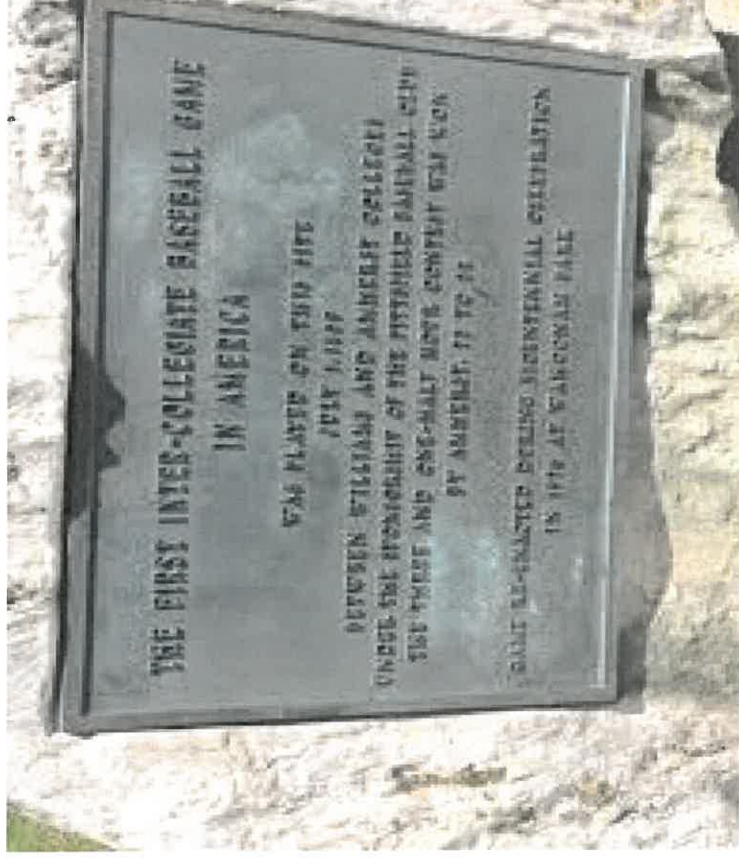
Sun dial on Park Square



Plaque at Fountain on Park Square



Maplewood and North – First College game



Elkanah Watson memorial on Park Square



Henry Dawes on Elm St



Easton's Tavern at Berkshire Museum



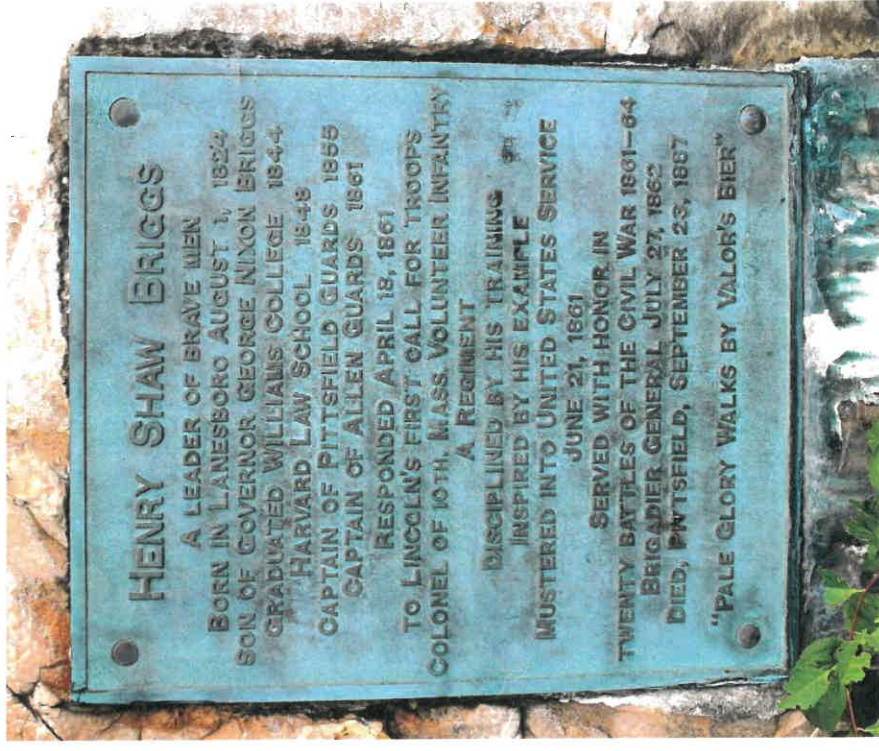
Peace Party across from Park Square



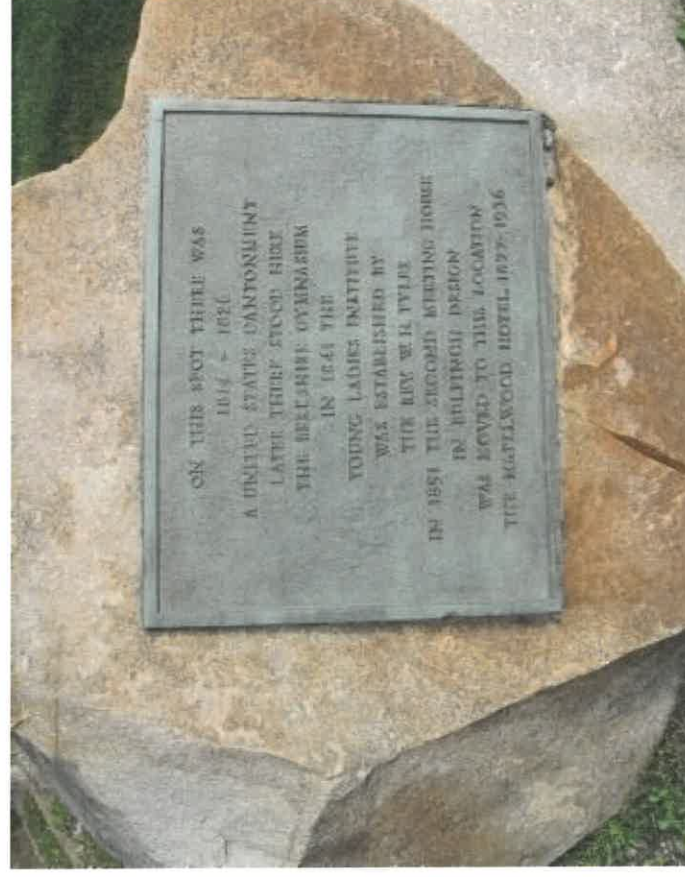
Lucretia Williams monument Pk Sq



Henry Shaw Briggs at Courthouse area



Plaque up on Maplewood



Sadlowski memorial at South St Vet's Park



Burns memorial S St Vet's Park



Persip memorial at Perrisip Park



McKeever memorial at City Hall courtyard

