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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

**2016 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK OF THE  
Malden Historical COMMISSION  
PURSUANT TO CITY OF MALDEN ORDINANCE 1.7**

**I. Preliminary Information**

Name of Board or Commission:	Malden Historical Commission
Name of Chair:	Barbara Tolstrup
Name of Clerk:	Joseph Cesario
No. of Members:	Five (5)
No. of meetings of Board/Commission Holds per year:	Monthly
Explain how Board/Commission has fulfilled functions in the past year:	The Commission has met regularly and attended to all business brought before and has regularly kept the Mayor's office informed of our activities.

**Please list Members' names, addresses, date of appointment and when term expires: (attach additional sheets if necessary)**

NAME & ADDRESS	APPOINTMENT DATE	TERM EXPIRES
Inna Babitskaya 557 Pleasand Street Malden, MA 01248	August 2013	August 2016
Joseph Cesario 296 Charles Street Malden, MA 021488	2015	2018
Anthony Dickinson 14 Overlook Drive Malden, MA 02148	2016	2019
Barbara Tolstrup 44 Noble Street Malden, MA 02149	2014	2017
John Tramondozzi 276 Charles Street Malden, MA 02148	2014	2017

**2. Overview of Board/Commission**

Please issue a **brief** statement about the general purpose and mission of this Board/Commission:

The Historical Commission is mandated under Federal legislation, 1976 to seek out and identify historically and architecturally properties and sites significant to the City of Malden.

**3. REVENUE:** Please list the revenue(s) coming into this Board/ Commission. **NOT APPLICABLE**

From City Budget	\$ 6,000
From State Budget	
From Federal Budget	\$10,000
Grant Monies	\$10,000
Licenses/Fees	
Other Private donations	\$10,000

**4. EXPENDITURES:** Please list the expenditures of this Board/Commission. **NOT APPLICABLE**

Expenditures of Board/Commission	Explanation
Personnel Costs	\$101.52 Preservation Awards
Equipment Costs	
Postal Costs	
Leasing Costs	
Other	\$4,000 committed for Survey and Planning Grant 2016-17

**5. ASSETS:** Please list all major assets under the control of this Board/Commission. *(Please include materials, tools, vehicles, equipment and property on hand as of 12/31/15.* **NOT APPLICABLE**

Asset	Value

**6. PROGRAMS:** Please list all programs under the direction of this Board/Commission. (Please detail where and how these programs originate, i.e. statutory, internal, etc.)

**NOT APPLICABLE**

Program	Description
Survey and Planning Grant FY2016-2017	The Commission has a received a matching fund grant for a total of \$20,000 to identify and research ninety (90) selected properties and sites that will expand and update Malden’s existing inventory of historically and architecturally significant resources.
Demolition Delay ordinance	To create a City ordinance for submission and passage by the Malden City Council that will prevent demolition of an existing resource

	without a confirmed replacement intended for the site.
Community Preservation Act	A Commission member will be part of the local CPA committee to work and plan for proposed uses for CPA funding in the City to include affordable housing, historic preservation, open space and recreation.
Malden Preservation Awards	To annually recognize selected home owners, community organizations or businesses for their commitment to the preservation and maintenance of their properties.

7. **CHALLENGES:** Provide a brief description of three challenges this Board/Commission faces.

1.	Recently, the City was unable to fund a required match for its FY 2016-2017 Survey and Planning grant which made it necessary to seek private donations to complete the required funding. Also, funding for projects such as preparation of National Register applications is a problem. The cost of preparing one form can be roughly \$2,500.
2.	The failure of city departments and agencies to inform us about projects that will impact on historic and architectural landmarks or resources. This problem has become less of a problem in the past year because of Mayor Christenson's awareness and involvement in the preservation of the City's history.
3.	Creating awareness of the Historical Commission and its function. For instance, the failure of a local councillor to invite the Commission to the dedication of a public site despite its having been involved in an advisory capacity with the project.

8. **GOALS:** Describe three goals this Board/Commission has for the year ahead.

1.	Continuing to educate Malden citizens about Malden's past and the importance of preserving its built environment. Such methods as the Malden Preservation Awards, newspaper articles, videos of historic sites, events such as the Fourth of July reading of the Malden Instructions are ways in which this can be accomplished.
2.	To work with a Historic District Study Committee to create a local historic district to help preserve and protect the Corey Road neighborhood of mid-century modern homes.
3.	To continue its involvement in supporting preservation projects such as McFadden Manor and the Browne Masonic Building. The Commission will also continue its involvement in protecting at risk resources. With the removal of the Doxiades City Hall, the Commission will cooperate in the establishment of a site to exhibit and store historic artifacts so that they may be accessible to the public.

*Barbara L. Tolstrup*

Signature of Chair

Date: July 20, 2016