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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

**2015 ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CITY CLERK OF THE  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
PURSUANT TO CITY OF MALDEN ORDINANCE 1.7**

**I. Preliminary Information**

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| Name of Board or Commission:                               | Malden Historical Commission   |
| Name of Chair:   | Barbara Tolstrup   |
| Name of Clerk:   | Joseph Cesario   |
| No. of Members:  | 4  |
| No. of meetings of Board/Commission per year:              | Monthly  |
| Explain how Board/Commission has fulfilled functions year: | <p>The Malden Historical Commission has met monthly to review and discuss matters relating to the City’s architectural and historic resources. In 2014 the Commission worked with landscape architects Shadley Associate to accomplish the restoration of Waites Mount Park. Also in 2014 we began the process of establishing a Local Historic district in the Corey Road neighborhood. In November 2014 the Commission held a Preservation Awards Ceremony honoring home owners of Corey Road mid-century modern houses. Also, in November 2014 the Commission submitted a Letter of Intent to the Massachusetts Historical commission to apply for a Survey &amp; Planning Grant FY2016 in the amount of \$10,000. We were not invited to apply because our project did not meet the State’s financial criteria. We met with the developers of the proposed McFadden Manor restoration and expansion; we approved their project and sent a letter of support to the state in its behalf. We also met with the developers of the proposed Browne-Masonic Building restoration and approved the plan, submitting a letter of support for their tax credit application. We have been in contact with the developers of the proposed Malden Hospital project and are waiting for more information before taking any action. We meet regularly with Mayor Christenson to keep him abreast of our activities.</p> |

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

| NAME & ADDRESS                         | APPOINTED          | TERM EXPIRES  |
|--|--------------------|---------------|
| Inna Babitskaya<br>557 Pleasant Street | July 16, 2012      | July 16, 2016 |
| Joseph Cesario, Clerk                  | August 7, 2012     | July 16, 2016 |
| Barbara L. Tolstrup, Chair             | September 11, 1979 | Sept. 1, 2015 |
| John Tramondozzi<br>276 Charles Street | September 30, 1980 | Sept. 1, 2014 |
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### Overview of Board/Commission

Please issue a **brief** statement about the general purpose and mission of your Board/Commission: The Malden Historical Commission is mandated by Federal and State legislation to seek out, research, protect and preserve Malden's architectural and historical buildings and sites. It works to create the importance of preservation of the City's built environment. To this end, it presents Malden Preservation awards to local home owners, businesses, and institutions who have demonstrated their commitment to preservation. The Commission also seeks funding through grants to finance survey and inventory of important landmarks within Malden.

2. **REVENUE:** Please list the revenue(s) coming into your Board/Commission.

**NOT APPLICABLE**

|                     |                                       |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|
| From City Budget    | \$4,000 (increased to \$5,000 FY2016) |
| From State Budget   |                                       |
| From Federal Budget |                                       |
| Grant Monies        |                                       |
| Licenses/Fees       |                                       |
| Other               |                                       |

3. **EXPENDITURES:** Please list the expenditures of your Board/Commission.

**NOT APPLICABLE**

| Expenditures of Board/Commission | Explanation  |
|----------------------------------|--|
| Personnel Costs                  |  |
| Equipment Costs                  | <i>Purchasing Preservation awards, photographs, frames</i>   |
| Postal Costs                     | <i>Mailing invitations for Preservation Award.</i>   |
| Leasing Costs                    |  |
| Other                            | <i>Printing invitations. Copying and publishing of 2007-2008 Comprehensive Neighborhood Project.</i> |

4. **ASSETS:** Please list all major assets under the control of your Board/Commission. *(This should include materials, tools, vehicles, equipment and property on hand as of 12/31/14.*

**NOT APPLICABLE**

| Asset | Value |
|-------|-------|
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5. **PROGRAMS:** Please list all programs under the direction of your Board/Commission. (Please detail where and how these programs originate, i.e. statutory, internal, etc.)

NOT APPLICABLE

| Program   | Description  |
|---|--|
| Grant writing                                       | Survey & Planning  |
| Review of projects that affect historic properties. | McFadden Manor, Browne-Masonic Building, Malden Hospital |
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6. **CHALLENGES:** Provide a brief description of three challenges to your Board/Commission.

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| 1. | Failure to inform the Commission about upcoming project relating to Malden history has been a problem; however, this past year that has improved greatly so that we feel we can function promptly and appropriately. |
| 2. | Loss of sites that are not officially deemed as historic. Better communication to the public will help.  |
| 3. |  |

7. **GOALS:** Describe three goals your Board/Commission has for the year ahead.

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| 1. | To increase public awareness of Malden history and about the importance of preserving Malden's built environment. |
| 2. | To increase the number of National Register properties in Malden.   |
| 3. |   |

*Barbara L. Tolstrup* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Chair  
 Date May 19,2015