

CITY OF NEWTON

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY PRESERVATION REPORT

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010

Present: Ald. Albright (Chairman), Ciccone, Hess-Mahan, Yates, Blazar, Fuller and Lappin

Absent: Ald. Harney

Also Present: Ald. Crossley

Also Present: Alice Ingerson (Program Manager, Community Preservation) and David Olson (City Clerk)

**REFERRED TO CMTE. ON COMM. PRESERV. AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

#113-10      THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE recommending that \$5,200 be appropriated from the FY10 Community Preservation Fund's historic resources and general reserves and expended under the spending authority of the City Clerk, to preserve and restore the original frame and 19<sup>th</sup> century portrait of James F. C. Hyde, Newton's first mayor. [03/22/10 @ 4:58 PM]

**ACTION:**      **APPROVED 7-0**

**NOTE:** David Olson presented the request for \$5,200 to repair, clean, and restore the City-owned portrait of Mayor Hyde, Newton's first Mayor, and its frame. Quotes were received from three conservators. The lowest quote was from Newton resident, Mark Serdivan. Mr. Olson noted that the City has used Mr. Serdivan for conservation work before and he has done an excellent job. Once restored, the painting will be mounted in the Aldermanic Chamber.

This painting originally hung in Room 209 and with the advent of audiovisual presentations, it was often removed from the wall and was damaged in that way. The portrait was then stored in the attic. Susan Abele rescued it from the attic, stabilized it and put in the museum vault. The Community Preservation Committee would like to see an assessment and inventory of artwork in the City done to determine what other works need repair.

The Committee voted to approve the item by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Albright, Chairman