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### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION FOR Veterans Cemetery FY25 Conditions Assessment

#### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Somerville Department of Veterans' Services requests funding to initiate the restoration of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and veterans monuments located throughout the city. A Preservation Survey by a historic preservation conservator will evaluate the condition of the cemetery and several additional memorials across the city and provide a recommended treatment plan. The study is a first step, providing a guide for the appropriate preservation and restoration of monuments which honor Somerville residents who have served the country over many wars. The Preservation Survey will ensure that all elements are treated with the care and attention they require.

#### ELIGIBILITY

*Historic Resources:* This project would preserve monuments which were found by the Somerville Historic Preservation Commission to be significant to the history of Somerville.

#### RECOMMENDATION

On December 11, 2024, by a vote of 8-0-0, the Community Preservation Committee recommended to City Council that the Department of Veterans' Services be awarded \$18,500 of Community Preservation Act funds from the Historic Preservation reserve to prepare a condition assessment of the Veterans Memorial Cemetery and veterans monuments.

#### FUNDING CONDITIONS

The project will follow the General Conditions outlined in a Memorandum of Agreement with the responsible department. Project-specific conditions include the following:

- The Veterans' Department will coordinate with PSUF for the preservation of the Veterans Cemetery and monuments in City parks, and with DCR for monuments located on property under DCR's jurisdiction.

***The full original proposal is available at:***

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