



Office of the City Clerk

ALEX GEOURNTAS
City Clerk

May 4, 2026

TO THE CITY COUNCIL,

Submitted herewith for your consideration, please find the designation of Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street, Charlestown.

The foregoing designation was approved by the Boston Landmarks Commission on April 14, 2026 and having been presented to the Mayor was returned signed on May 4, 2026.

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended, if not acted upon within thirty days (June 3, 2026), the designation shall be deemed as if approved.

Respectfully

Alex Geourntas
City Clerk

cc Elizabeth Sherva, Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



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RECEIVED FROM THE CITY CLERK FOR PRESENTATION TO THE
MAYOR, VIZ:

Designation as a Landmark - Petition #295.25 – Memorial Hall, 14 Green
Street, Charlestown



Alex Geourntas
City Clerk, City of Boston
Boston City Hall - Room 601
Boston, MA 02201

April 16, 2026

RE: Petition #295.25 - Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street, Charlestown

Dear Mr. Geourntas,

On April 14, 2026, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate Memorial Hall in Charlestown as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

According to the Landmarks Commission's statute, a designation approved by the Commission is presented to the Mayor for signing. If the Mayor approves the designation, they sign and date the provided signature page. If the Mayor disapproves the designation, they return the signature page to the City Clerk with objections noted in writing. If no mayoral action is taken on a designation, it is deemed approved by the Mayor after fifteen days.

The statute states that within thirty days following mayoral approval, the City Council can override a designation by a two-thirds vote. In the absence of City Council action, the designation is approved after the thirty-first day.

I appreciate your supervision of this approval process. Please call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission



The Honorable Michelle Wu
Mayor of the City of Boston
Boston City Hall
Boston, MA 02201

April 16, 2026

RE: Petition #295.25 - Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street, Charlestown

Dear Mayor Wu:

On April 14, 2026, the Boston Landmarks Commission unanimously voted to designate Memorial Hall in Charlestown as a Landmark under the provisions of Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

The building at 14 Green Street, now known as Memorial Hall, bears historic significance both as an eighteenth-century mansion and as a meeting hall that has been in continuous use by residents of Charlestown since the 1880s. Constructed in 1791, the building initially served as a residence for prominent Boston families, including that of the politician Samuel Dexter, who served as Secretary of War and of the Treasury under President John Adams. In 1888, the building underwent an extensive rehabilitation that transformed it into the home of the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization founded by Civil War veterans. Memorial Hall has remained in use as a veterans' hall continuously for over 130 years. With the participation of the North Bennet Street School, Memorial Hall was restored in the 2020s. It now appears as it did in 1888, and it continues to function as a site for veterans' events and community gatherings in Charlestown.

The designation of Memorial Hall as a Landmark is enthusiastically supported by both the local community and the property owner, Abraham Lincoln Post 11.

The Boston Landmarks Commission asks that you give full consideration to the designation of Memorial Hall in Charlestown as a Boston Landmark.

Please don't hesitate to call me at (617) 635-1935 if you have any questions.

Best Regards,



Elizabeth Sherva
Executive Director
Boston Landmarks Commission

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street, Charlestown (Boston), MA

STANDARDS AND CRITERIA TO BE APPLIED:

As described in the section titled "Standards and Criteria" included in the study report for the subject property.

APPROVED BY THE BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION:

Date approved: 4/14/2026

Signature: 
(Secretary to the Commission)


PRESENTED TO THE MAYOR:

Date: APR 17 2026

DECISION OF THE MAYOR:

Approved Disapproved

Date: 5/4/26

Signature: 
(Mayor)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY THE MAYOR:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

PRESENTED TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Date: MAY 04 2026

DECISION OF THE CITY COUNCIL:

Approved Disapproved

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

(OR) DEEMED IN EFFECT WITH NO ACTION BY CITY COUNCIL:

Date: _____

Signature: _____
(City Clerk)

**VOTE OF DESIGNATION BY THE
BOSTON LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

PROPERTY: Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street, Charlestown (Boston), MA

VOTED: That on April 14, 2026, the Boston Landmarks Commission designates Memorial Hall at 14 Green Street as a Boston Landmark under Chapter 772 of the Acts of 1975, as amended.

VOTING IN FAVOR:

John Amodeo
John Freeman
Jeffrey Heyne

Kirsten Hoffman
Felicia Jacques
Lindsey Mac-Jones

Justine Orlando
Brad Walker
Angela Ward-Hyatt

VOTING IN OPPOSITION:

None.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE SITE:

The building at 14 Green Street, now known as Memorial Hall, bears historic significance both as an eighteenth-century mansion and as a meeting hall that has been in continuous use by residents of Charlestown since the 1880s. Constructed in 1791, the building initially served as a residence for prominent Boston families, including that of the politician Samuel Dexter. In 1888, the building underwent an extensive rehabilitation that transformed it into the home of the Abraham Lincoln Post 11 of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), an organization founded by Civil War veterans. Memorial Hall has remained in use as a veterans' hall continuously for over 130 years. With the participation of the North Bennet Street School, Memorial Hall was restored in the 2020s. It now appears as it did in 1888, and it continues to function as a site for veterans' events and community gatherings in Charlestown.

Memorial Hall was constructed in two building campaigns. It began as a double pile, two-story residence built in 1791; then, in 1888, a thorough rehabilitation added a two-story extension on its southeast elevation, updates to its floor plan and interior finishes, and a vertical wall extension with a flared base to create space for a second-floor meeting hall. Today, the building clearly conveys both its original Federal style architecture and Second Empire style modifications, creating a stylistic and typological hybrid that is unique in Charlestown.

GENERAL BOUNDARIES OF THE SITE:

The boundaries of the designated property are limited to the following address and parcel number: 14 Green Street, Charlestown, parcel number 0200443000.