

# Community Preservation Fund Application



TOWN OF BILLERICA  
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE  
365 BOSTON ROAD, BILLERICA MA 01821  
Application for CPA Funding

Applicant: David Feyler

Co-Applicant (if applicable): Thomas Maloney

Project Name: Billerica 1926 Maxim Ladder Truck

Project Location/Address: 8 Good St.

Purpose: (Select all that apply)

Open Space  
 Community Housing

Historic Preservation  
 Recreation

Total Project Budget: \$ 33,000.00 Amount of CPA Funds Requested: \$ 29,000.00

Amount from Other Funding Sources: \$ 4,000.00

Please check which of the following is included with this Application:

One Paragraph Project Summary \*

Map (if applicable)

Narrative \*

Letter of Support from a Municipal Department, Commission, or Board\*

Selection Criteria and Needs Assessment

Detailed Project Budget \*

Feasibility Assessment

Statement of Sustainability (if applicable)

Other Letters of Support (if any)

Timeline \*

Architectural plans, site plans, photographs (if appropriate)

Copy of Audit or most recent Financial

Information (Non Profit Organizations Only)\*

\* Required Documentation

Note: 10 copies are necessary and can be turned into to the Planning Board Office c/o CPC Coordinator

The Contact Person for this Project is: David Feyler

All Correspondence should be mailed to: 16 Avonst. Wilmington, MA 01887

The Contact Person can be reached by phone at: 978-604-7993

or by email at: Davesfireengines@yahoo.com

Signature of Applicant: David Feyler

12/17/18

Town of Billerica  
Community Preservation Committee  
365 Boston Road  
Billerica, MA 01821

Dear Community Preservation Committee;

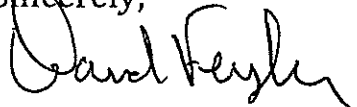
The Town of Billerica owns an original historical piece of firefighting equipment. The 1926 Maxim Ladder Fire Truck was in service to the Town of Billerica for close to thirty years, until 1955. This piece was housed at the Central Fire Station on Boston Road. From 1955 to 1972, it was loaned to the B & M Railroad. They used it as a working piece of fire equipment for their mini-fire department. By the mid 1980's the truck was in need of both mechanical and body restoration. A fellow firefighter, Eddie Joy, began starting a restoration on the truck, along with about a dozen other people from the fire department.

Unfortunately, they were not able to complete the project and the truck deteriorated further over the years since then.

I have been a firefighter for over twenty-five years and have always been interested in the history and preservation of the fire service. I own many pieces of antique fire apparatus and also have restored many trucks, as well as repaired them mechanically. I am also an active member of the Society of the Preservation & Appreciation of Antique Motor Fire Apparatus of America. When I realized there was a piece of Billerica history that needed restoration, I knew I wanted to be a part of making this happen.

I am requesting this grant for the restoration of the Billerica 1926 Maxim Fire Truck. It is my goal to help the citizens in the community of Billerica appreciate the history that this piece holds to the town and to preserve its historical significance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Feyler". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

David Feyler

## Narrative

### 1926 Billerica Maxim Ladder Truck Restoration

My goal is to restore the 1926 Billerica Maxim Ladder Fire Truck back to its original period condition. Phase I would include repairing the motor to running condition again. Phase II would be dismantling the body parts so repairs can be made. Metal fabrication of frame skirts will be made at this time. Also, I will be painting the frame, gas tank, bumper and miscellaneous small parts. Seats and body panels will be transported to the body shop and painted individually. Once the seats and body panels are painted they would then be transported to be gold leafed and pin-striping will be applied. Once gold leafing is complete on body panels, they will be transported back and assembly will begin. The seats will be sent to an upholsterer and genuine leather will be fabricated to them as to their historical period. During this phase the oak running boards will be fabricated and finished to original specifications. All ladders will be sanded and varnished. There are few missing ladders so I will donate some ladders that I have towards the restoration. Chrome plating will be done on the bell, siren, lantern and other miscellaneous items will be taken to Chrome Plater for chroming. All wiring of gauges, electrical and installation of historically correct accessories will be put on the truck. Phase III is the last phase, it is the final installation of all parts such as the seats, gas tank, water tank, bumper, the ladders will be installed and any and all other parts that will complete the restoration will be installed at that time.

With the assistance of the Community Preservation Committee I commit to the undertaking of the restoration and preservation of this historical piece of equipment to the Town of Billerica. I have the full support of the Chief of the Billerica Fire Department, as well as many members of the Billerica Fire Department.



## BILLERICA FIRE DEPARTMENT

8 Good Street  
BILLERICA, MASSACHUSETTS 01821

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Chief

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December 13, 2018

Town of Billerica  
Community Preservation Committee  
365 Boston Rd, Billerica MA 01821

Dear Committee Members,

It is with great enthusiasm that I give my full support and backing for the restoration of the Billerica Fire Departments 1926 Maxim Ladder truck.

The fire service is ingrained with tradition and history. There is a real sense of family among members who work, eat, live and experience joy as well as tragedy together. Like any family, traditions and history are taken very seriously. Community service is at the heart of fire service tradition and that is why many members gravitate to this profession. A project such as this satisfies all of these characteristics. Members who are willing to give their time and talents to retain a piece of history for the benefit of the community embody this sense of fire service pride.

The Billerica Fire Department currently has an 1852 manually operated pumper and an antique hose trailer. This project would add a truck that would complement these historical pieces and could be used for similar purposes. It would be displayed for the many visitors to the fire station, as well as use in the annual Memorial Day and Yankee Doodle parades. It could also be used in our annual Santa parade sponsored by the Billerica Lodge of Elks to complement our new aerial ladder truck which drives throughout the Town.

I commend the commitment of Lieutenant Feyler who is devoted to fulfilling this worthwhile project. I hope that your committee will also appreciate this dedication. Thank you for your consideration of this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Robert Cole  
Chief  
Billerica Fire Department

## Budget

Having restored and owned over twenty-five antique fire apparatus, my estimate on restoring the Billerica 1926 Maxim Ladder Truck historically is as follows;

Engine head gasket, carburetor rebuild, supplies To get mechanically running again .....	\$1,000.00
Metal fabrication of frame skirts And mesh tool boxes.....	\$1,500.00
Painting of hood, fenders, frame skirts, seats, cowl And water tank.....	\$7,500.00
Period Correct Gold Leafing & Pinstriping of Billerica Ladder 1.....	\$9,500.00
Chrome plating of bell, lantern, siren, handles & Miscellaneous accessories.....	\$2,000.00
Wood running board fabrication, trim, installation parts.....	\$1,000.00
Historically correct seats upholstery.....	\$3,500.00
Period correct equipment bell, siren, extinguishers, Axes and nozzles.....	\$2,000.00
Painting supplies to paint frame, gas tank bumper, And miscellaneous parts.....	\$1,000.00

## Timeline

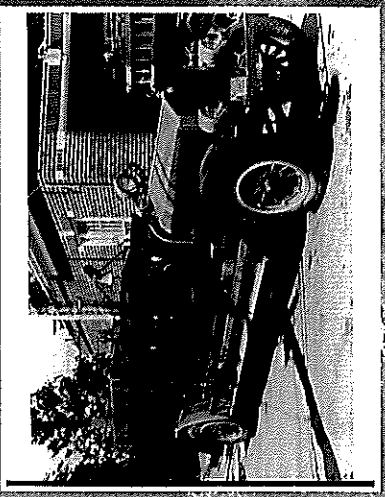
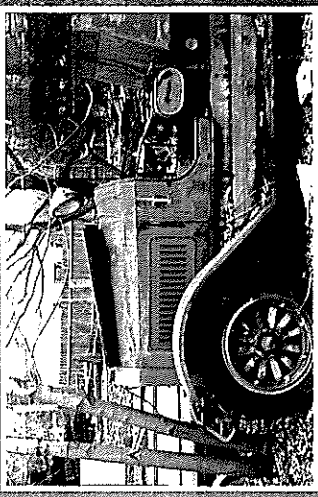
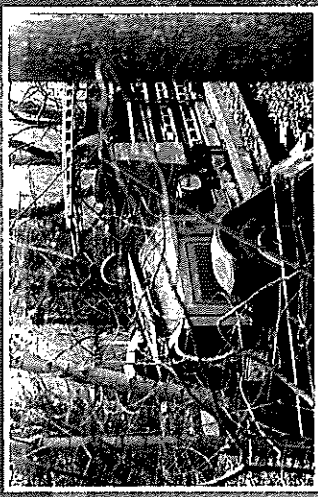
A restoration of historical importance is always a timely project that takes careful planning. I estimate that this project will take approximately three years to complete. During the upcoming year of 2019, I will transport the truck to my garage and begin the dismantling process. I will begin the motor repair and metal fabrication process. I will also be looking for historically correct pieces that are missing from the truck.

During the second year, I anticipate painting the frame and other pieces of the truck will be transported to the body shop for painting, gold leafing and pin-striping. Once painted and gold leafed the individual pieces will be transported back and assembly will begin. The seats will be upholstered. The chrome plating will be completed.

The final year the wood running boards will be fabricated and installed. Ladders will be restored. Historically correct equipment will be put on the truck. All wiring will be completed. Gauges installed. All final touches will be completed including ladder installation.



**1926 Maxim Billerica Ladder 1 in service**



REG. NO. **M-4060**      *Lad. 3* / *Pcc*  
 FIN. TR. NO. **104251**      Reg. Wgt. *type*  
 Date **JAN 1 1965**

**337.** *Dr. Phoebe C...*  
 DEPUTY REGISTRAR

**Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles**  
 100 Nashua St., Boston, Mass. 02114  
 MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE  
*Name of Insurance Company only may be written here*

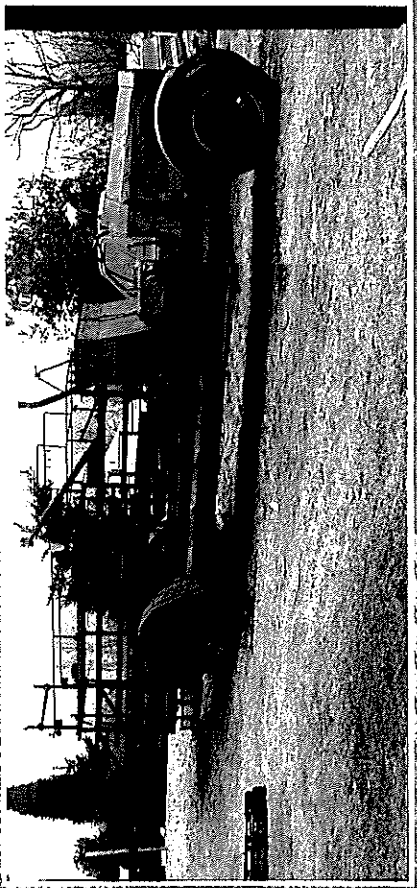
Year <b>1926</b>	Make <b>Maxim</b>	Type <b>Ladder Truck</b>
Vehicle Identification No. <b>609</b>	Engine No. — if any <b>143818 A</b>	

The issuance of this certificate does not authorize illegal or unsafe loads regardless of the registered weight.

Name **TOWN of Billerica**  
 Street **Central Fire Satation**  
 City **Billerica, Mass.**      Zip Code

**OWNER'S NAME AND MAIL ADDRESS**

This Registration Shall Expire By Law Dec. 31, 1965



Pictures of 1926 Billerica Maxim Ladder Truck prior to first restoration and original registration for truck