

Prospect Hill Tower

Community Preservation Act Committee Presentation

Capital Projects and Planning Department
City of Somerville

History

- 1902: 42-foot granite tower built for \$8700.00
- 1903: Dedicated in October of 1903
- 1955: retaining walls were installed to address erosion
- Jan 1st : each year on this date residents gather for a ceremony for the historic flag raising
- *Where the first American flag ever flew*



Tower dedication 1903



Prospect Hill –2015



Prospect Hill Tower– Historical Images

Challenges / Priorities

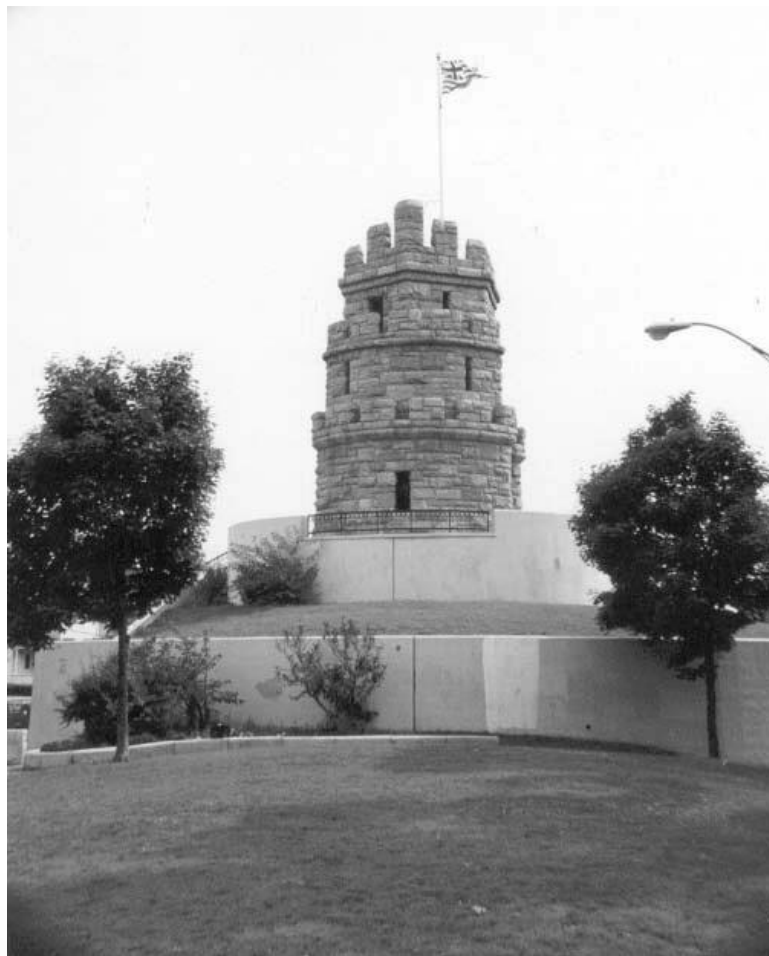
- Safety – Floor slab
Parapet stone
Interior stairs
Entrance and Exit Doors
- Access – Exterior stairs
- History – Preservation of a landmark, educational opportunity, commemorative events.
- Legacy – Durability, enhance overall site



North Elevation .



West Elevation





Stairs North

Side of Tower

North Elevation, cracks in concrete retaining wall





Third Floor, deterioration of concrete and steel support beam



Drainpipe disconnected

Third floor Balcony, loose railings and rust



Spiral Stair Case



Questions?