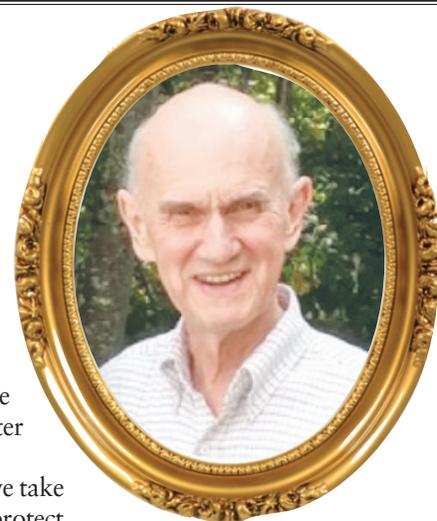


The Charlestown Community Remembers

Bill Lamb



The recent passing of Bill Lamb is a tremendous loss not only to his family and friends but to historic preservation and the entire community of Charlestown. Bill was a tireless advocate for Charlestown, working for over forty years to preserve Charlestown's historic buildings, landmarks and unique architectural character.

As you read these pages, you will hear stories from the early 1970s to his recent efforts to influence the design of One Charlestown. The Charlestown Preservation Society is proud to recognize Bill's lasting impact on our Town and his commitment to retaining its special character for generations to come.

As the longtime leader of the CPS Design Review Committee, Bill had an impact on so many. Bill left us all amazing gifts that we enjoy as we take a morning run, push a stroller up the street or drive to the supermarket. Often without realizing it we are experiencing his tireless efforts to protect and preserve our Town from City Square to Sullivan Square, from Main Street to our short side streets, and from the Hurd Building to Memorial Hall.

Everywhere we walk in Charlestown, we are likely experiencing a building that Bill helped to restore or advocated to preserve. And for the thousands of visitors who come to Charlestown every year, Bill's efforts show on their faces as they admire our fine facades, stop to take pictures of our restored buildings or simply enjoy a few quiet moments in a park.

For those of us who saw him at town meetings, hearings or community events, Bill was that gentle but persistent voice reminding us that we have a legacy to preserve for Charlestown, for Boston and for our country.

Bill has left us a tremendous inheritance that we will work hard to honor as we work to retain Charlestown's historic character for years to come. Please join us in celebrating Bill's life.

~ Charlestown Preservation Society Board

Bill Lamb was above all a gentleman whose quiet demeanor belied a political toughness. He was a patient advocate, ever present at community meetings on the transformative issues facing Charlestown. When the meetings were heated, it was Bill's voice that was heard over the din.

Bill put in the work. Long after the pundits were done, the bomb-tossers had beaten a path to the door and the chairs were back under the tables, Bill would still be in the hall, making his pitch on behalf of the community he loved.

This was such an effective, underestimated tool. His breadth of knowledge, passionately shared, was best appreciated in these crucial minutes after the crowds had gone home.

His effective advocacy will be sorely missed, as will his demeanor in the face of tough conversations. Charlestown is a better place because he walked our streets and even planned a few of them!

~ Dan Ryan is Representative for Charlestown in the Massachusetts House.



Dan Ryan, Bill Lamb, and his wife Carol Bratley.

Bill Lamb was a kind and caring man, a thoughtful designer and an architect who was incredibly generous in lending his expertise to improve Charlestown's built environment.

The next time you visit City Square, pause and reflect on how this beautiful space is an example of Bill's legacy, manifest in a most tangible way.

We can carry on this legacy by seeking to embody his spirit of collaboration, respect and humility in our own lives. In this way we can honor his extraordinary service to his neighbors and his neighborhood.

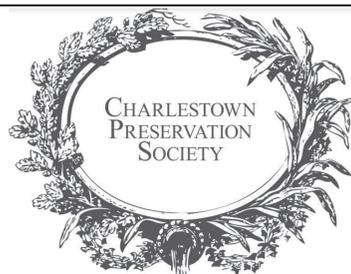
~ Ted Schwartzberg, AICP is Senior Planner in the Boston Planning & Development Agency.



Bill Lamb receiving the CPS Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Community

"We deeply appreciate this wonderful tribute to Bill and his love of history, architecture and his beloved Charlestown. I'm sure Bill would be slightly embarrassed by all the attention, but my family and I are pleased to see his lifetime of work recognized"

~Carol A. Bratley



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