

**Bill Lamb was a quiet and gentle soul** who will be remembered as a giant in the story of the preservation of Charlestown. For over 40 years he left his mark on Charlestown, from the development of City Square Park to the ongoing fight for the creation of a more livable solution for Rutherford Avenue and Sullivan Square.

I met Bill in 2005, the first year I came to Charlestown. Little did I know when I met him at a New Year's Day party that he would become my mentor. I learned from him in real time the importance of zoning laws and Article 80 processes, but more importantly the role of citizen involvement in preserving historic Charlestown.

As Charlestown Preservation Society president, I worked closely with Bill on many projects, including the fight for the right development for One Charlestown and Hood Park and our early efforts to document critical historic homes in Charlestown.

I cannot think of a time when Bill was not present at a public hearing or open meeting that might affect development in Charlestown. He was the steady voice for the CPS Design Review Committee and well-respected by everyone from city planners to the Mayor.

On a very personal level I will miss my friend Bill. I remember one night coming back from a Boston Preservation Alliance meeting on the T and discovering it was pouring rain as we walked home. I had no hat or umbrella and Bill just had the fisherman's cap he wore. He offered me his hat. That is just the kind of guy Bill was.

We will miss him dearly.

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