

February 24, 2009 — **Hopkinton Athletic Association (HAA)** members Dave Stoldt, Len Holden and Tim Kilduff went before Selectmen to pitch for the statue of Hopkinton sports entrepreneur **George V. Brown** to find a permanent home on the Hopkinton Town Common. It spent a few days at the Common last year after its commission by the HAA from Hopkinton sculptor Michael Alfano, during the BAA Marathon weekend. Mr. Brown was a 1898 graduate of Hopkinton High School and is credited by some as having brought professional sport to New England.

The Selectmen voted to send a letter to the Hopkinton Historical District Commission in support of the effort, although they have little jurisdiction over the matter. The Selectmen ceded control of the major portion of the Common to the Parks and Recreation Department several years ago, but retained jurisdiction over a small strip on the northern side, adjacent to what is called Marathon Way.

The HAA representatives will be going before that commission next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in

Room 216 of Town Hall. Although there have been no statements from the Commission to the press, the buzz around town is that the Commission, as stewards of the Historical District, is resistant to the idea (HopNews file above).

The statue now stands sentry in front of the Police Headquarters along with the Flame of the Marathon Run, a gift from Marathon, Greece, Hopkinton's "twin city."

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