



Civil War group to help raise funds for monument project

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HERRINGS — The Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Walter H. French Camp No. 17, Carthage, has agreed to help with fundraising efforts for Watertown's Soldiers and Sailors Monument restoration project.



At its annual meeting Saturday, City Planner Michael A. Lumbis outlined the project and what steps will be taken to restore the 120-year-old monument to its former glory.

"We're on board," camp Secretary and Treasurer Jeffrey I. French said.

The restoration is estimated to cost \$200,000.

Watertown received a \$150,000 grant in November from the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. The remaining \$50,000 will be acquired through fundraising, Mr. Lumbis said.

The Walter H. French Camp passed a motion to apply for grants up to \$1,000 each from the Sons of Union Veterans Charity Organization and the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Fund, which, if received, will be donated to restoration efforts.

Besides grant funding, the Walter H. French Camp plans to host a fundraising dinner to secure donations, as well as appeal to other local groups such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

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