



Community Preservation Committee Littleton, Massachusetts

The CPC was established by Town Meeting in 2007. The CPC has the powers and responsibilities specified by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44B, section 5(b), the Community Preservation Act.

Community Preservation Application for Funding

Date: 12/16/2024

Project Title: Historic Preservation Consultant for Post-Rehabilitation Assistance, 12 Robinson Road

Name of Applicant: Littleton Historical Commission

Name of Organization: Littleton Historical Commission

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CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open Space

Historic Preservation

Recreation

Community Housing

CPA Funding Requested: \$1,128

Total Project Cost: \$1,128

Please attach answers to the following questions. Include supporting materials as necessary.

- Project Description:** Please give a detailed project description, including specific objectives.
- Goals:** How does this project accomplish the goals of the Community Preservation Plan for Littleton? (See Guidelines for Project Submission for general criteria)
- Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones? Will this be a multi-year project?
- Budget:** Please provide a full budget including the following information, as applicable.
(NOTE: CPA funds may not be used for maintenance):
 - Total amount of the project cost, with itemization of major components.
 - Additional funding sources. Please include those that are available, committed, or under consideration.
 - Describe the basis for your budget and the sources of information you used.
- Support:** Have the appropriate Town Boards and Commissions expressed support and/or approved the project? What is the nature and level of community support for this project?

Project Description

A historic Preservation Restriction (PR) is required by law in perpetuity for the historic circa 1750 house and circa 1850 barn at the 12 Robinson Road property because they were purchased by the Town of Littleton with Community Preservation funds. The Littleton Historical Commission (LHC) is the Grantee of the PR, with the responsibility of monitoring and enforcing the PR to ensure that its requirements for historic preservation are being met by the property owner. During the historic rehabilitation of the house and barn performed by the current owner, the expertise of a professional historic preservation consultant with experience in PRs has been invaluable to the LHC; this consultant work was funded through a combination of CPC funds, money allocated by the current owner, and funds from the Town LHC budget.

In the current CPC application, the LHC is seeking funding for a professional historic preservation consultant to assist the LHC in ensuring continued compliance with the PR for the historic house and barn at 12 Robinson Road. The historic rehabilitation is in its final stages, and the owner plans to sell the house when the rehabilitation is complete. Once the house and barn are sold (anticipated to occur in December, 2024), the consultant will:

- Assist the LHC to ensure that the new owner understands and adheres to his/her responsibilities related to the PR;
- Conduct a site inspection with the new owner and LHC;
- Develop a template for annual LHC inspection reports;
- Review with the LHC how to conduct ongoing administration and enforcement of the PR.

Goals

This project meets the Community Preservation Plan goals to “preserve Littleton’s historic resources and structures, and preserve the “small town feel”. In addition, this project is consistent with the goal of the Littleton Master Plan “to promote Littleton’s unique history and preserve its variety of historic resources” and with the goal of the Historical Commission “to preserve and maintain the unique history of Littleton”.

Timeline

It is anticipated that this work will be completed within six months of funding allocation and is not anticipated to be a multi-year project.

Budget

The budget for this project is \$1,128, which includes funds for an expert historic preservation consultant for consultations with the LHC regarding conducting ongoing administration and enforcement of the PR, a consultation with the new property owner to ensure he/she understands and adheres to his/her PR responsibilities, a site inspection and related travel expenses (travel time and auto mileage), and development of a template for annual LHC inspection reports.

Support

This project supports compliance with the legally binding historic preservation restriction for these structures, and has the support of the Littleton Historical Society.