



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: February 16, 2025_____

Project Title: Durkee Farmhouse and Barn: Historic Preservation Consultant to Assist LHC
Develop RFP and Historic Preservation Restrictions

Name of Applicant: Littleton Historical Commission (LHC)

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CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open Space

Historic Preservation

Recreation

Community Housing

CPA Funding Requested: \$6,481_____ Total Project Cost: \$6,481 _____

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

1. **Project Description:** Please give a detailed project description, including specific objectives.
2. **Goals:** How does this project accomplish the goals of the Community Preservation Plan for Littleton? (See Guidelines for Project Submission for general criteria)
3. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical milestones? Will this be a multi-year project?
4. **Budget:** Please provide a full budget including the following information, as applicable.

(NOTE: CPA funds may not be used for maintenance):

- a. Total amount of the project cost, with itemization of major components.
 - b. Additional funding sources. Please include those that are available, committed, or under consideration.
 - c. Describe the basis for your budget and the sources of information you used.
5. **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

The Durkee property located at 260 Foster Street is owned by the Littleton Affordable Housing Trust (AHT) and the site will include affordable housing units. Currently a farmhouse (circa 1774 to 1825) and barn (circa before 1850) are present on the site. Preliminary discussions have been held between the AHT, the Littleton Historical Commission (LHC), and the Littleton Select Board regarding the potential for both affordable housing and historic preservation of the farmhouse and barn.

An RFP is being developed by the Town of Littleton that will seek bids for a new owner or a leasee to develop affordable housing and possibly pursue historic preservation. The Select Board has asked the LHC to review and revise the RFP developed for the 12 Robinson Road site for the Durkee farmhouse and barn structures, as it pertains to historic preservation.

The LHC is seeking CPC funding of \$6,481 to hire a historic preservation consultant to assist the LHC in developing the historic preservation portions of the RFP for the Durkee site. Notably, the RFP includes a draft historic Preservation Restriction (PR). The consultant's work will include revision of the PR, which legally protects historic properties. It is possible that two different PRs will be needed, one for the house and one for the barn, based on the historic architectural elements of each structure. This CPC application includes 2 site visits by the consultant, and follow-up consultations with the LHC, AHT, Select Board, and architects.

The work involved in this project are part of the process of historic preservation and rehabilitation of these buildings using CPC historic preservation funding.

Goals: This project meets the CPA goal of preserving historic resources; the Littleton Community Preservation Plan goal to “preserve Littleton’s historic resources and structures; and is consistent with the Littleton Master Plan and the mission of the Littleton Historical Commission. Specifically, a key goal of this project is to preserve the historic farmhouse and barn at the 260 Foster Street (aka Durkee) site.

Timeline: It is anticipated that this project will be completed within the next year.

Budget: A budget of \$6,481 is requested from CPC Historic funds.

Support: This project has the support of the Littleton Select Board, Littleton Affordable Housing Trust, and Littleton Historical Society.