Old South Clock Face Community Preservation Grant Proposal

Presentation to the Newburyport Historical Commission - January 27, 2022



A Community Treasure



What?

Provide a description of the project, including the property involved and its proposed use.

The venerated and historic Albert Plummer memorial Old South Church clock face is in dire need of painting. Originally installed in 1785, and upgraded to a modern 1896 E Howard Model #2 weight driven tower clock, the clock face, hands, numerals, and minute markers are rapidly deteriorating and in need of paint. This project will paint those parts, as well as provide a fresh coat of black paint for the face of the clock.

The Old South Presbyterian Church is already subject to a preservation restriction.

Built in 1756, it is iconic in its representation of Newburyport and Newburyport's South End. It presided over the sending off of troops during the revolution for the invasion of Quebec. It can be seen from any point in the surrounding area. The church and clock is listed on the Massachusetts State Register of Historic places and has been deemed locally significant.

Why Me?



What, Me Worry?



Why?





Per the evaluation criteria:		
Eligible for Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding according to the requirements described in the CPA legislation	•	
Consistent with the Master Plan, Open Space and Recreation Plan, Land Use and other planning documents that have received public scrutiny and input.	•	
Preserve and enhance the essential character of the city.	•	We are a city of steeples
Protect resources that would otherwise be threatened.	•	
Serve more than one CPA purpose or demonstrate why serving multiple needs is not feasible.	•	The clock does not qualify as open space, recreation, or housing
Demonstrate practicality and feasibility, and that the project can be implemented within budget and on schedule.	•	Quotes and commitments have been obtained
Produce an advantageous cost/benefit value.	•	It is a great benefit to tourism and hosts hundreds of annual visits to the church and steeple
Leverage additional public and/or private funds	•	Community support with \$
Preserve or improve utility of currently owned city assets.	•	The clock is not a city owned asset
Receive endorsement by other municipal boards or departments and broad-based support from community members.	•	See letters

Per other specific historic preservation valuation criteria: This grant would "Protect, preserve, enhance, restore and/or rehabilitate historic, cultural, architectural or archaeological resources of significance, especially those that are threatened".





Mr. Michael Dissette, Chairman Community Preservation Committee City of Newburyport 60 Pleasant Street Newburyport, MA 01950

January 1, 2022

Dear Members of the Newburyport Community Preservation Committee: This letter is written in reference to the grant proposal to repaint and restore the Old Church clockface, submitted by community member Jack Santos.

The clock is an historic gem for our city (since 1785) and needs to be preserved. Bas guidelines, this proposal meets these criteria:

- · Preserves and enhances the essential character of the city.
- · Protects resources that would otherwise be threatened.
- Has broad-based support from community members.
- Demonstrates practicality and feasibility, and the project can be implement and on schedule.

Per CPA grant requirements, this project:

- Protects, preserves, enhances, restores and/or rehabilitates an historic, cultural, and archaeological resource of significance, especially one that is threatened.
- · Protects, preserves, enhances, restores and/or rehabilitates features or resources of
- · Protects, preserves, enhances, restores and/or rehabilitates the historical function of
- · Demonstrates a public benefit

The Newburyport Preservation Trust strongly supports this CPA application for the restoration painting of the Old South Presbyterian Church clockface.

Linda Miller, Co- President Newburyport Preservation Trust

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Old South Clock face re-hab 2022 Old South Clock

ADAM KOWAL

to PaintOurClock@jacksantos.com

To: The Community Preservation Committed I am writing to implore the Committee to g the clock faces of the Old South Presbyter I am a resident of the city for over 30 year unique character the Newburyport skyling church steeples as are many of the mos The outward faces of these steeples are timepieces that in some cases are over realize that these wonderful machines after year. And it is loving care that ke conserve the outermost weathered pa the integrity of the whole.

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tours. In the 17 years that we've lived in Ne

of the steeple from the back deck of our for We don't take this beautiful view for grants

please designate this project for CPC funds

Judy Mouradian & Ted <u>Ruetenik</u>

5 Beck Street, Newburyport

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Respectively,

To the CPC:

Joe Carper ≤imcarper25@gmail.con to RaintourGlack November 11, 2021 To the CPC Committee: We are writing in support of using CPC funding, in con-We are writing in support or using CPC tunding. In considering landmarks of the deteriorating clock face at O Signature landmarks of the South End, and there the historic church played in America's First Gry protect such community treasures.

Given CPC support in the past for other hy South merits municipal support as well Joe Carper and Sue McKittrick

K akenbpt@gmail.com

We support the painting of the Old South Church clock and hope that you will co-Leslie Kulig <lesliekulig@com

to PaintOurClock

I am in strong support of repairing and painting Church. I hope you will support this too. I will do help from our town officials! Thank you!

Leslie Kulia 29 Temple St Newburyport

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to PaintOurClock

Karen Chandler

Please paint our clock - it's an important feature of my Newburyport life and neighborhood. When I walk home at night or at dusk or really anytime from my yoga classes or from downtown, it's a place where my eyes go. Though it's particularly beautiful to behold at night, it's always a welcome sight.

Thank you for helping our community support its best maintenance!

Rebecca Wish Esche

How?

Project Bu	dget (Estimates)		
	Contractor estimate		3350
	Potential repairs/carpentry		500
	Hand balancing	3 hours/face at \$50/hour	450
	SUBTOTAL		4300
	Contingency (APPROX. 20%)	Inflation, unexpected costs	850
	GRAND TOTAL		5150
		LESS community match	500
	CPC REQUEST		4650

Community Contribution of \$500!



Painting and Restoration Company 978.463.9319 ARPAINTING.COM P.O. Box 2016 Salisbury Ma, 01921

Proposal submitted to: Old South Church

Job Site: 29 Federal St Dated: 11/06/21

The following job will entail the following:

- π Hand Scrubbing on mold and mildew build-ups.
- π Precision scraping using Sandvik carbide scrapers where deemed necessary.
- π Fine sanding, using hand sanding as needed.
- π Holes in wood will be repaired with a bonding epoxy resin. This does not include any damage beyond repair or needing carpentry.
- T Spot primer coat using Benjamin Moore oil Fresh Start primer on painted areas.
- π All Caulking needed shall be done.
- Final coat using Benjamin Moore high build finish on three clock face only, <u>This</u> price includes lift rental fee.

Punch list procedure:

No additional work, alterations or additions beyond the contractual agreement shall be done without written consent of both homeowner and contractor. Contractor shall be fully compensated for any work beyond the afore-mentioned contract.

Payment Schedule:

1/2 start up

1/2 after satisfactory completion of job in its entirety

The afore-mentioned contractual proposal could be completed for the sum of \$3350. This price includes all high-end materials needed for the job. All pre 1978 jobs will be done EPA lead compliant.

Signature of Homeowner_	
Signature of Contractor Date	

Thank You!