

Final

CPA Project Application Form

[CPC Use Only: Date Received 2-21-24 By: Katie Berry
Assigned CPC #2025- 09]

If possible, use word processor to fill out form. Please answer all questions, use "N/A" if not applicable.

1. a.) Applicant Name and Organization: Last Chilcoat First: Richard
Organization(s) (if appropriate) Groton Historical Society
- b.) Regional Project: Yes ? or No? X If Yes, Town/Organization:

2. Submission Date: 2/19/2024

3. Applicant Address: 172 Main Street
City/ State: Groton, Ma. ZIP: 01450

4. Ph. 978-448-0092 Email: info@grotonhistory.org

5. CPA Purpose. Check all that apply:
Community Housing (Affordable Housing:) Historic Preservation*: X Open Space:
Recreation

** As per MA General Law Chapter 44B, proposed historic projects that are not on the structures listed on the state's registry of historic places require a determination by the Groton Historic Commission that the proposed project is of historic significance.*

6. Town Committee or boards participating: NA

7. Project Location/Address: 172 Main Street, Groton, Ma.

8. Project Name:
Property Security, Safety and Preservation

9. Additional Responsible Parties (If applicable):

Role (specify)	Name	Address	Ph. (w) (cell)	Email
Property/Site Owner	Groton Hist. Society	172 Main St. Groton, Ma.	978-448-0092	info@grotonhistory.org
Project Manager	Richard Chilcoat	210 Chicopee Row, Groton	978-449-1655	richardpchilcoat@gmail.com
Lead Architect				
Project Contractor				
Project Consultants				
Other:				
Other				

10. As appropriate, indicate if proposal requires P&S agreement Deed
Option agreement Other-describe:

11. a.) Assessor info. (map/ block/ lot id.(s)): b.) Tax classification type:

12. Permits required: Zoning: Historic Preservation: HDC Certificate of Appropriateness
Other:

13. Historic Commission Approval signoff (when required): Date:

14 a.) Project cost \$ 69,600 : Estimate x Professional quote x b.) Requested from
CPC: 69,600 c.) Committed from other source: \$ TBD If applicable: annual
anticipated total income: \$ Annual anticipated total expense: \$

Anticipated net income (loss): \$_____ Name of Estimator name/company:

15. CCP Objectives - use codes from **Section 5 of Community Preservation Plan** to indicate all that apply: 5.1.2 Protect Historic and Cultural Resources

16. Project Timelines: Proposed Start Date: 6/2024 Projected Complete Date: 6/2025

17. Estimated Delivery Date of Completion Report to CPC: 8/2025

18. Project description and explanation (attach additional sheets as needed): _____

1. Building / Site Security

CPA funding will provide exterior on-demand security lighting for the Boutwell House and property and interior security cameras for primary public spaces. The History Center currently has no exterior lighting or security cameras which leaves the property and collection vulnerable to vandalism and unauthorized access. These security vulnerabilities combined with the ever-increasing use of the site for special events makes this proposed project work a high priority for the Society.

2. Visitor Safety

The existing sloped walkway, which serves as the accessible route to the Boutwell House, can become slippery when wet and difficult to navigate for some physically challenged visitors. The proposed project will install metal railings on the walkway to ensure safe access to the House for all visitors and staff.

3. Historic Building Preservation

The historic wood windows in the Boutwell House are deteriorated and require carpentry repair, reglazing and repainting. In addition, the UV film protection on the glass has reached the end of its serviceable life and needs to be replaced to provide protection for historic furnishings in the House. Additional building preservation work will include carpentry repairs to the deteriorated Boutwell House front entry balustrade.

4. Resource Protection

A recent inspection of the existing sprinkler system in the Boutwell House revealed that the system contains glycol which if discharged could do irreparable damage to historic furnishings, artifacts and artwork. Project funds would allow for a feasibility study to be completed by a licensed fire protection Engineer to produce schematic drawings and cost estimates to convert the existing system to a dry reaction system which is typically used in Museum settings.

19. Feasibility: Comparable Completed CPC Projects:

First Parish Dorchester Meeting House – Window Restoration 2023

Belmont Homer House – Window Restoration 2023

Edgartown Vincent House – Window Restoration 2023

Fall River Dr. Fiske House- Accessibility Improvements 2023
Acton Women's Club - Accessible Sloped Walkway Improvements 2015

20. List of attachments:

Current Budget with Vendors

Letter of Support

Groton Historical Society Information

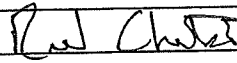
21. Additional Information:

The Groton Historical Society is applying for grants including the Massachusetts Cultural Council To provide matching funds for the CPA project work proposed. Additional funding from the Tarbell Charitable Trust will be utilized to support resource protection efforts.

22. Management Plan:

President and Buildings and Grounds Manager Richard Chilcoat will secure bids and provide overall project management. GHS treasurer, Michelle Collette will oversee billing and monitor expenditures.

23. Applicant Signature:



Date:

2/19/2024

Co Applicant Signature:

Date:

Co Applicant Signature:

Date:

**Groton Historical Society
2023-2024 Project Budget
1/10/2024**

WORK ITEM	VENDOR	CURRENT BUDGET
1 Building Security		
Exterior Lighting	Babin Landscaping	15,000
CCTV	ADT Security	2,000
2 Visitor Safety		
Walkway Railings	Legderock Fabrications	15,000
3 Building Preservation		
Window Rehabilitation	Julie James Restoration	10,000
Window UV Film Installation	Guardian Bastile	5,000
Entry Balustrade Rehabilitation	John Kane Carpentry	7,000
4 Resource Protection		
Fire Suppression System Study	Ellis Fire Protection	4,000
Sub Total		58,000
Contingency @ 20%		11,600
TOTAL BUDGET		69,600

December 28, 2023

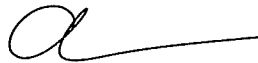
Groton Community Preservation Committee
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Dear Members of the Groton Community Preservation Committee:

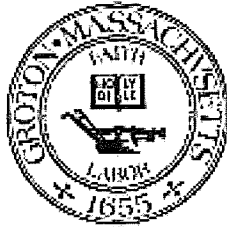
The Groton Historical Commission is writing in support of the 2024 Community Preservation Act Project Application "Property Security, Safety and Preservation" submitted by the Groton History Center. This proposed project will provide funding for security, visitor safety enhancements and preservation work around the Boutwell House, a notable historic landmark and attraction in the Town of Groton. It will additionally help fund a study of the building's fire suppression system with a goal of installing a system more compatible with a museum type setting in the future.

The Historical Commission believes this is exactly the sort of preservation project that the Community Preservation Act is intended to support and further that this project is a worthy use of Groton's historical preservation funds.

Sincerely,



Aubrey Theall
Chair
Groton Historical Commission



TOWN OF GROTON
Commission on Accessibility

173 Main Street
Groton, Massachusetts 01450
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January 25, 2024

Community Preservation Committee
Town Hall
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Re: Groton Historical Society Application
Boutwell House, 172 Main Street

Dear Committee Members:

At its meeting on January 23, 2023, the Commission on Accessibility discussed the application submitted by the Groton Historical Society for improvements to the Boutwell House, including adding handrails along the cobblestone walkway and installing security lighting outdoors.

At the present time, the main entrance to the building, including the universally accessible entrance, is on the side of the building. A cobblestone walkway, with a 4.9% grade, was added in 2011. The grade is less than 5%, so handrails are not required under the Architectural Access Board Regulations, 521 CMR. However, the walkway is difficult to navigate, and it is very slippery when it is wet. The handrails must be installed on both sides of the cobblestone walkway to provide safer access for all people.

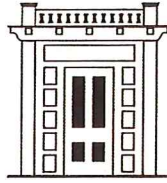
The Committee voted unanimously, with Judy Anderson, Bob Fleischer, Lynne Pistorino, and Tom Pistorino in favor, to recommend that the CPC approve the application so that it may be voted on at Town Meeting.

The Committee would also like to have a tour of the building and grounds in the spring when the weather is better.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Collette

Michelle Collette
ADA Coordinator



GROTON HISTORY CENTER
Framing our story

January 25, 2024

To: Groton Community Preservation Committee
Re: Feasibility of Project 2025-09

Since 2012, the Groton History Center has successfully completed the following CPA projects:

- 1) CPC Project 2012-08 (\$176,525) Major Rehabilitation of Governor George S. Boutwell House precipitated by major water damage. Additional funds received for this project included a grant from the Cultural Facilities Fund from Massachusetts Cultural Council.
- 2) CPC Project 2019-04 (\$18,000) Jonathan D. Poor Mural Preservation Project. Two wall murals were stabilized, removed from the Oliver Prescott House, installed at the Groton Inn, and painting conservation work completed. Additional funds received for this project came from private donations.
- 3) CPC Project 2021-04 (\$6,000) 19th century Portrait Restoration Project. Three 19th century portraits of named Groton resident were cleaned and restored. These portraits by known New England artists are an important part of the Groton History Center's collection.
- 4) CPC Project 2023-03 (\$4,200) Prescott Stone Project. A section of stone wall was built to stabilize and protect the historic Prescott Stone on the Boutwell House property. This project was a collaboration with the Groton Historical Commission.

Groton History Center (GHC) President Richard Chilcoat works for the National Parks Service in historic preservation. GHC Treasurer Michelle Collette brings knowledge and experience with procurement law. GHC Executive Director Kara Fossey has over 20 years of experience in museum management. Our projects are always completed professionally and within budget.

Thanks, and please let me know if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

Kara E. Fossey
Executive Director

History of the Groton History Center

The Groton History Center is a tradename of the Groton Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization.

Yesterday

The Groton Historical Society was incorporated in 1894 and since then has acquired artifacts, documents and historical memorabilia that are significant to the history and lives of the residents of Groton. In 1933 the Society received the generous gift of Governor George S. Boutwell's home from the estate of his daughter and founding member of the Historical Society, Georgianna A. Boutwell. This gift has allowed the Groton Historical Society to display and house the collections that it has acquired

Today

In addition to serving the community as a museum, the Groton Historical Society actively publishes print and digital content and works with other organizations in town to promote Groton's history. It also holds historical programs which are open to the public and cover a wide range of topics relating to Groton and New England history. The society provides assistance to genealogical researchers and offers educational tours of the Boutwell House. Georgie's Garden- created behind the house-is always open for public enjoyment. The Groton Historical Society adopted the name Groton History Center in 2016 to better reflect our role as an open welcoming historical and cultural organization.

Mission

The Mission of the Groton History Center is to acquire, preserve, and share Groton's historical artifacts, documents, ephemera, and photographs.

2023 Programs & Projects

Programs & Events

- *Wicked Pissed* with Ted Reinstein
- *Georgianna Boutwell* for the Groton Woman's Club
- *Movie Queen* screening
- Monthly Open Houses-Boutwell House
- Summer Solstice Garden Party
- *Wild Women of Boston* with Dina Vargo
- *Drowned by the Quabbin* with Elena Palladino
- *Full Moon Fete* with The Headless Horseman (The Groton Horse)
- *Holiday Open House* with the Footwork & Frolick Society

Projects

- Ledger Collection inventory and preservation with graduate student intern
- Prescott Stone preservation with Groton Historical Commission (CPA project)
- Oral history collaboration with Prescott School Community Center
- 100th Anniversary exhibit with the Groton Garden Club
- Early Groton Business & Industry exhibit



Town Manager
Mark W. Haddad

TOWN OF GROTON

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Destination Groton Committee

Gregory M. Sheldon, *Chair*
Jeff Gordon, *Vice Chair*
Julie Platt, *Clerk*
Joni Parker Roach, *Member*
Brian Bolton, *Member*



February 8, 2024

Mr. Russell Burke, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
173 Main Street
Groton, MA 01450

Re: Support for the Groton Historical Society's \$70,000 grant request.

Dear Chair Burke and Community Preservation Committee Members:

At our February 7, 2024, meeting, the Destination Groton Committee voted unanimously to support the Groton Historical Society's CPC grant request for \$70,000. These funds would address four primary security/safety issues:

- 1) Exterior lighting and security cameras for the safety of staff, visitors, and the building itself.
- 2) A railing for our accessible ramp at the side of the building.
- 3) Repair/restoration of windows and installation of UV film to protect collection pieces, including restoration of front balustrade.
- 4) Feasibility study to convert existing wet fire suppression system to a dry system (preferred in museum settings).

The Destination Groton Committee supports the Historical Society's continuing efforts to showcase Groton's wonderful rich history in a remarkable landmark facility – the Boutwell House – right in the center of town, welcoming both residents and visitors alike.

Sincerely,

Gregory M. Sheldon

Gregory M. Sheldon
Chair

