

TOWN OF SUDBURY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

Submitter: Sudbury Historical Commission
Group or Committee Affiliation (if any):

Submission Date: October 31, 2008
 Sudbury Historical Commission

Submitter's address and phone number:
 199 Concord Road
 Sudbury, MA 01776

Purpose (please select all that apply):
 Open Space
 Community Housing
 Historic
 Recreation

Submitter's email address: Jim Hill, jahillsr@comcast.net

Project Name: Hearse House Relocation and Restoration (Article 41 of 2006 Annual Town Meeting) – Extension of Time to Complete

Project Description: The funds appropriated under the original article at the 2006 Annual Town Meeting expired at the end of FY08, yet the project has not been completed. This is due to significant volunteer labor associated with the project, which in the end will save the Town money. No additional funding is necessary.

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount & source)
2010	NA	NA	
2011			
2012			
2013			
2014			
Total	NA	NA	

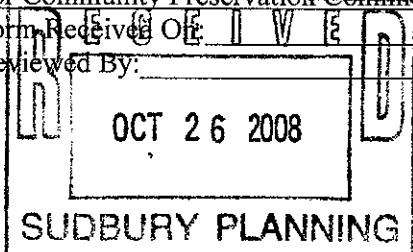
How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects?

The Hearse House is a historical asset of the Town of Sudbury and the restoration of the building is within the CPA guidelines for historical funding.

Does this project fall within the jurisdiction or interest of other Town boards, committees or Departments? If so, please list the Boards, Committees or Departments, whether applications and/or presentations have been made, and what input or recommendations have been given.

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Project Presented to CPC On:
 Determination:

**ARTICLE 41. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND –
HEARSE HOUSE RELOCATION AND RESTORATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate an amount not to exceed \$24,022 from the Community Preservation Act funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purpose of moving and restoring the Hearse House building, said work to be completed by the end of Fiscal Year 2008; or act on anything relative thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee. (Majority vote required)

Christopher Morely, *moved* to approve the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$24,022 from Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of moving and restoring the Hearse House building, said work to be completed by the end of FY08. All appropriations will be allocated to the Historic Preservation category and funded from FY07 Revenue. The motion received a second.

Jim Hill, Sudbury Historical Commission, stated the Sudbury Hearse House Restoration Article is extremely interesting from a historical standpoint. On the viewgraph a picture of the Hearse House was displayed located on private property. The people who currently own it have offered to donate to the Town. The construction of this building was approved at Sudbury Town Meeting in 1799. The building was first located next to the Revolutionary War Cemetery in the Town Center where it was used to store the Town owned hearse. It was moved a couple of times over the years but was a feature in the Town Center for over 100 years. The current private owners have offered to donate the structure to the Town for historical preservation. The restoration will be to disassemble and inspect the building, restore the timber beams and reassemble the structure to reflect historically accurate materials and appearance. The foundation excavation will be provided by the DPW Department, Bill Place's office.

The restoration labor is being donated by R.B. Haworth & Sons and Ben Walker Timber Framing Specialists, both specialize in this type of work and felt it important enough to donate their labor to restore the building, as needed. They are asking for the material cost alone; hand hewn timber, clapboard and sheeting, a stone foundation covered by wood for historical accuracy; wood-shingle roof; doors and windows; replication iron work; some of the original ironwork itself from the doors is from 1779; two need to be rebuilt to be made the same as the others, and the dumpster cost. The restoration cost, the excavation cost and the building are donated so \$24,022 is being requested by this Article. The project participants and supporters from the beginning have been the Historical Commission, the Historic

Districts Commission, the Department of Public Works, and the Board of Selectmen, Community Preservation Committee and the Finance Committee. Hopefully you will preserve this very unique and unusual building.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommends approval of this Article.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN: The Board of Selectmen have heard the longer version of this speech and urged the Hall to vote "yes".

Robert Coe, 14 Churchill Street, questioned the historic significance. If this building is so unique and historical how come some of the residents have never heard of this building before? This same \$24,000 could purchase a new police cruiser; maybe not the same \$24,000 because this is CPA funds but \$24,000 is \$24,000. What is the necessity for spending this money on a building? How much is really historic? This sounds like a boondoggle.

Mr. Hill responded that this building was reviewed by a timber specialist who said the timber framing is original from that period so it is complete. Preservationists looked at the iron work on the building for the hand made hinges and doors which are also from the period. This building has not been heard about because it has been for about 100 years behind someone's house and has been used as a play house, a store room and a gardening shed over a period of time. The people who have purchased the house met with him at a Historic Districts Commission meeting and the historic significance of the building was explained.

This building is listed as one of the oldest historically significant buildings since the 1960's and 1970's.

A resident questioned. Where will the house stand?

Mr. Hill responded that the building is going back to where it originally stood, next to the Revolutionary War Cemetery in near the corner.

The Moderator seeing that nobody else wished to be heard asked for all those in favor of Article 41, signify by raising your cards; all those opposed.

The motion under Article 41 *PASSES OVERWHELMINGLY.*