

Town of Sudbury

Community Preservation Committee

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PROJECT SUBMISSION FORM

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Submission Date: October 4, 2018

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Purpose (please select all that apply):

☐ Open Space

☐ Community Housing

☒ Historic

☐ Recreation

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Project Name: Sudbury Newspaper Digitization

Project Description: Goodnow Library seeks funding to digitize local papers back to 1915.

Costs:

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPC Funds Requested	Other Funding Sources (amount and source)
2020	30,000	30,000	
2021			
2022			
2023			
2024			
Total			

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects (see attached)?

The project would be a public benefit; providing online access to nearly 150,000 pages of local news, which will be searchable. The project also demonstrates the ability to provide permanent protection of the town's historic newspapers.

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.

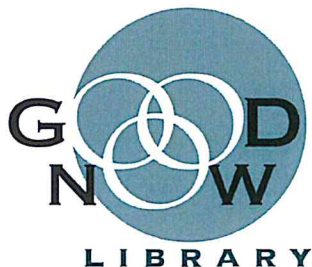
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Reviewed by: _____

Determination: _____



GOODNOW LIBRARY

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Project description:

The Goodnow Library is requesting \$30,000 to cover the cost of digitizing the library's collection of newspapers on microfilm. Going back to 1915, when the paper was called the *Sudbury Enterprise*, then the *Citizen*, *Fence Viewer*, *Tab* and finally *Crier*, the library has nearly 150,000 pages of microfilmed papers. However, the microfilm is hard to search, frequently taking hours to do research on a topic. Access to the information is limited as well, since anyone using the collection must come into the library to do the work. This project would digitize the entire collection, creating searchable PDFs that would be locally hosted.

How does this project meet the General Criteria and Category Specific Criteria for CPC projects (see attached)?

This project meets the criteria for Historic proposals in two ways: It demonstrates a public benefit, in that it makes accessible over 80 years of unique, local news and information of the town of Sudbury. Genealogists, residents, and historians of all types would be able to search and access the data from wherever they are, and be saved hours of scrolling through microfilm page by page. The second way this project meets the criteria for this category is that it "demonstrates the ability to provide permanent protection for maintaining the historic resource." Creating a digital, searchable version of our local papers ensures their perpetuity.

This project has the support of the original contributors: the Sudbury Historical Society, the Clerk's Office and Information Systems.



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August 27, 2018

Karen Tobin
Goodnow Library
21 Concord Rd.
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Ms. Tobin,

Below is a summary of estimated costs by title for microfilm scanning and text conversion of various Sudbury newspaper titles. The cost estimate assumes 300 dpi uncompressed grayscale TIFF master files, with output to searchable PDF documents. The estimated costs are as follows:

Sudbury Enterprise 1915-1921 (incomplete), 1931-1937 (incomplete)
2354 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$470.80

Sudbury Citizen 1955-1975
9462 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$1892.40

Fence Viewer 1959-1974
16103 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$3220.60

Town Crier & Fence Viewer 1975-1997
56995 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$11,399.00

Sudbury Tab 1990-1997
22499 pages @ \$0.20 ea. --- \$4499.80

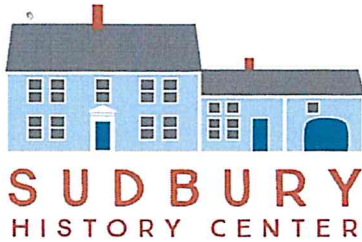
Town Crier & Tab 1997-2017
38872 pages @ \$0.20 --- \$ 7774.40

Total
146285 pages @ \$0.20 --- \$29,257.00

The unit price used in this estimate is valid for work that begins before Sept. 1, 2019.

Sincerely,
New England Micrographics, Inc.


Michael F. Monahan



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October 4, 2018

Esmé E. Green, Director
Goodnow Library
21 Concord Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

Dear Esmé,

The Sudbury Historical Society would like to express its support of the Goodnow Library's request to the Community Preservation Committee for Community Preservation Act funds to digitize Sudbury's local papers. The SHS utilizes the papers in its research and work when preparing educational programming and exhibits and we often recommend the newspapers as resources for researchers from all over the country who seek information on local news. Having access to the papers in digital form would allow research when the library is not open and from any location. Having the key word search will save countless hours of searching not only for the researchers themselves, but for the SHS volunteers responding to inquiries as well. Working with digital images also protects fragile papers from deterioration and possible loss.

The SHS respectfully urges the CPC to support funding for the Goodnow Library's request.

Sincerely,

Sally Purrington Hild
Executive Director



GOODNOW LIBRARY

DIGITIZING SUDBURY'S LOCAL NEWSPAPERS

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FUTURE.**

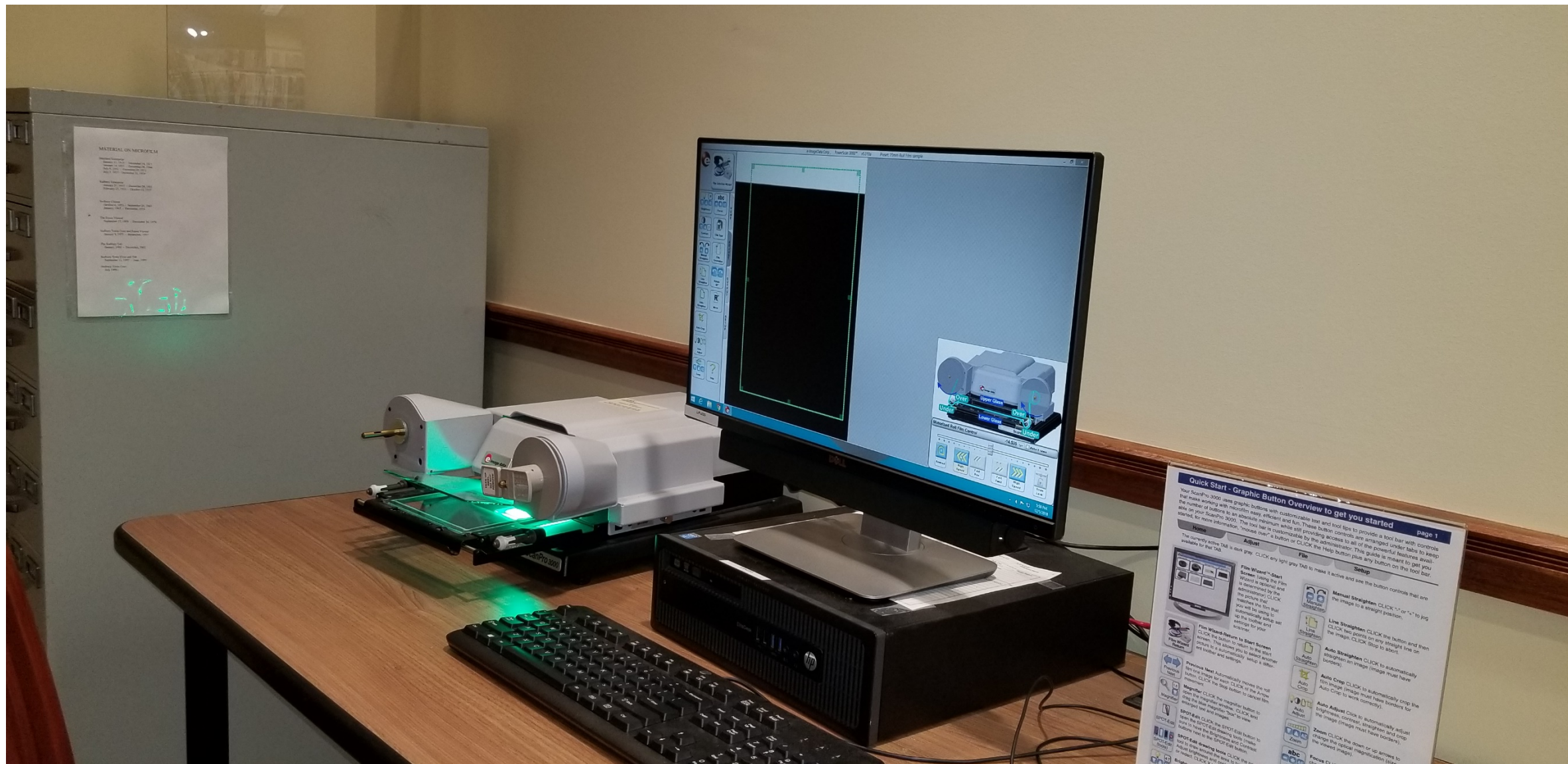
PROJECT OVERVIEW

- Goodnow Library is requesting \$25K to digitize Sudbury's local newspapers going back to 1915.
- 150,000 pages of local newspapers are held by the library on microfilm.
- Current format is not machine-searchable or indexed. Requests for information can take hours to fulfill.
- Limited access because newspapers are only accessible in person at the library.
- There is a learning curve associated with using the microfilm machine that frustrates many users.

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STAR-SPANLED BIRTHDAY



Town throws birthday bash
Spirits soar with the heat as 8,000 watch Fourth of July parade

Early morning rain showers drenched the streets but not the spirits of the Mayfield parade as it rolled through town today.

Parade went, rain and heat, covered up along Route 1A while spectators gathered on street corners to the shade along the parade route. Boston Post Road, Concord Road and in town center.

An estimated 8,000 spectators assembled on Sunday to watch the annual celebration.

Parade Marshal Sam Givens, the 13-year-old who led the parade, gave the parade a kick-off in Sudbury street, which was lined with National Public Radio parade for the start of the parade. Givens rode with his father and brother in the family's 1965 white convertible Lincoln Continental.

The parade was once again the highlight of Sudbury's Fourth of July parade.

"We had many more than last year, about 15,000," said Ed Givens, chairman of the parade. PARADE, see page 12

Cleanup conflict?
Selectman involved in cleanup of town-owned Sperry site

By Clay Gifford
and Linda Winkler
Staff Writers

SUDBURY — A proposal to build affordable units housing 20 units of town-owned land was caught up in a dispute over whether the cleanup of the Sperry site is a conflict of interest for the town's selectman who is also involved in the cleanup.

Concord Garden Sperry Trust said for the conflict of interest with the Department of Environmental Protection officials while they are expected to be on the adjacent land.

But the official in question, Selectman Charles John Thibault, a principal at Environmental Remediation Management, said he has no role in the matter, and is involved in the remediation of the land.

The land is near an industrial building at the 17 Terrace home to the Sperry Trust's office.

An industrial Remediation Management, Inc. said by PCH Inc. Inc., which has taken on the Sperry property, is to be the cleanup company.

Sudbury voted in 1992 to buy the 20 acres of Sperry land, and the town is selling parts of property for a price of \$100,000 per acre to the town.

Habitat was sold for Sperry, particularly a large lot, which was sold for \$100,000. The lot is now owned by the Sperry Trust's office.

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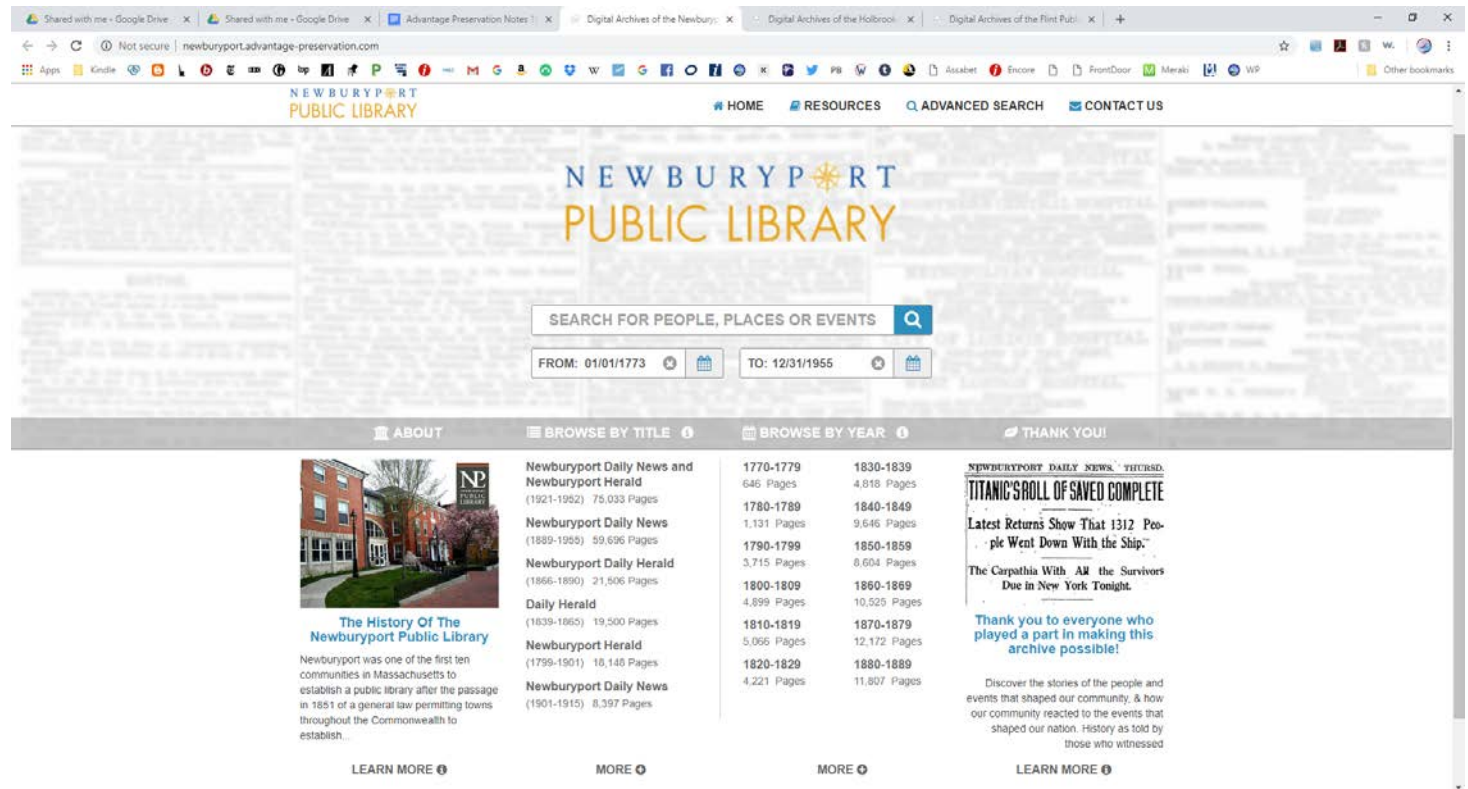
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PROJECT GOALS:

- Improve access to unique resource for all community members
- Preserve fragile and one-of-a-kind local, historical material in perpetuity
- Present a practical and economical solution benefitting various stakeholders: residents, researchers, local historical organizations such as Clerk's office, SHS, the Historical Commission, etc.
- Take advantage of the expertise of our neighboring libraries having already undertaken or in the process of digitizing their local newspapers

BENEFITS OF DIGITIZING

- Improved Accessibility
- Sustainability (protects original content)
- Searchability
- Shareable (via social media, etc.)
- Ability to gather statistics on use
- Safekeeping (digital backup of files)



PROJECT COSTS*:

Estimate of costs by title for microfilm scanning and text conversion of Sudbury newspapers. Additionally, we are currently coordinating with other libraries for group pricing:

Sudbury Enterprise, 1915-1921, 1931-1937	2,354 pp. @\$0.20 ea. = \$470.80
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Sudbury Tab, 1990-1997	22,499 pp @ \$0.20 ea. = \$4,499.80
Town Crier & Tab, 1997-2017	38,872 pp. @ \$0.20 ea. = \$7,774.40
Total	146,285 pages @ \$0.20 = \$29,257.00

*Other income source: \$5K from Goodnow Trust

FUNDING & OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

- We have looked into funding from our Friends of the Library and the Goodnow Library Foundation
 - The Friends budget supports library programming and they do not have the resources to also fund this project
 - The Foundation recently funded the Reimagining the Second Floor project, and so this project is not in their budget for this year either
- This project is a smaller part of our efforts to protect, highlight and share our historical collections
- Digitizing a variety of resources is part of our larger goal
- Grateful for CPC's support of Migrating the Sudbury Archives in FY15

TAKEAWAY:

We'll have:

- Increased accessibility-access from home, convenience
- Added visual richness
- Better conservation/preservation
- Machine searchability
- Project supported by Information Systems Director, Town Clerk, and Sudbury Historical Society

THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?