

TOWN OF LEVERETT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

(Short Form)

Project Application for Community Preservation Funding
(For \$25,000 and Under Only)

Project Name: Town Hall Front Painting + Sign Restoration

Project Location/Address: Town Hall 9 Montague Rd.

Applicant/Project Sponsor or Organization: Selectboard + Administrator

Address: 9 Montague Road

City: Leverett State: MA Zip: 01054

CPA Category/Purpose: (Please check all that apply)

- Open Space Community Housing Historic Preservation Recreation

Project Budget:

Amount of CPA Funds Requested: \$ 6,160

Amount from Other Funding Sources: \$

Project Budget: \$ 6,160

Please check which of the following is included with this application:

- One Paragraph Project Description* Detailed Project Budget*
 Map/Site plans, Architectural plans Timeline/Project Schedule*
 Photographs Letters of Support

*Required Documentation

Contact Person/Authorized Representative for this Project:

Address: 9 Montague Road

City: Leverett State: MA Zip: 01054

E-mail: townadministrator@leverett.ma.us

Phone: 413-548-9199

Signature of Applicant: [Signature] Date: 9/24/24

Town Hall Front Painting and Sign Restoration

Project Description

On the front of the Leverett Town Hall hangs an over 4 foot square painting and sign that says "Town of Leverett" and has a map of the town and a painting of the Congregational Church across the street from the Town Hall. In one upper corner is an old meeting notice board that is no longer in use. The painting/sign is enclosed in a cabinet that has protected it for many years but has not completely stopped its deterioration. At this point the plexiglass front is hanging by some protruding screws on the bottom. The wood of the frame bottom has rotted away and the lower several inches of the painting have rotted. The colors are faded and the cabinet is falling apart. The purpose of this application is to restore this painting/sign to its original condition. This includes getting the painting and sign repainted on a new board and getting a new cabinet built for it. Cost estimates from both experts have been attached and included in the total cost requested.

The meeting notice board in one corner of the display indicates that this was probably the original meeting notice board where town meetings would be announced to the public. The cabinet stopped serving this function many years ago and the painting now is a unique and lovely welcome to the Town Hall.

The benefits of this project are the preservation of this unique feature before it deteriorates so much that it cannot be replicated and the saving of this town owned public art.

Detailed Project Budget

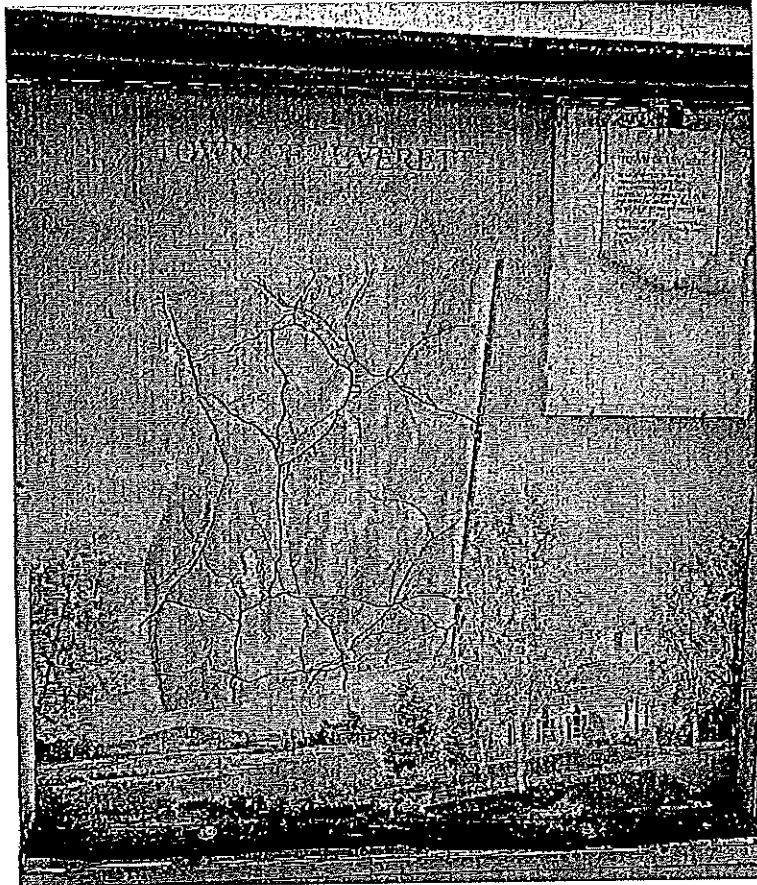
An estimate for the work to be completed as part of the project is attached.

Painter to repaint the painting/sign	\$ 3,000
Cabinet work	\$ 1,160
Contingency	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
Total request	\$ 6,160

Timeline/Project Schedule

Expecting town meeting at the end of April 2025, the project would begin in May 2025 and be completed in July 2025.

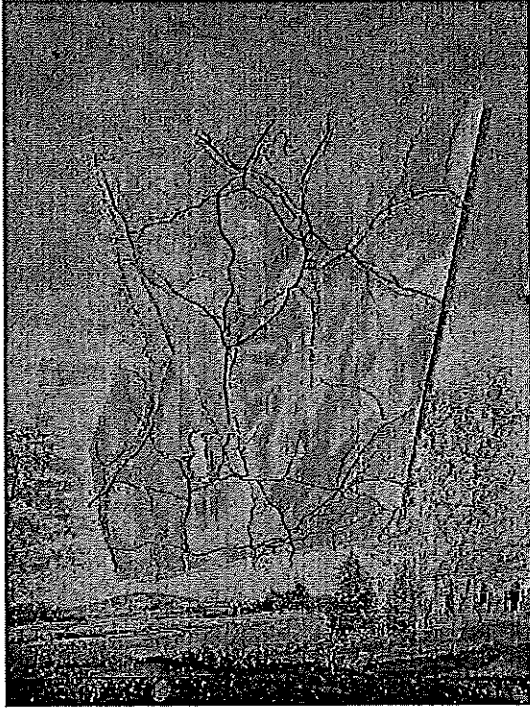
Photos – see next pages



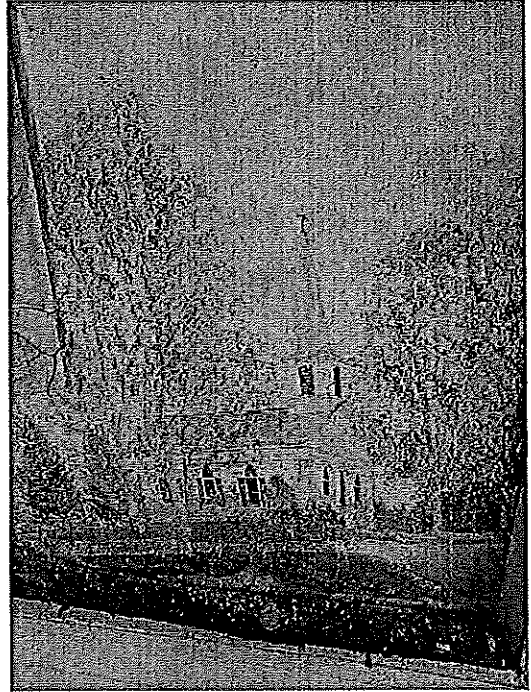
Sign/Painting on the Front of Town Hall



Building with Sign/Painting



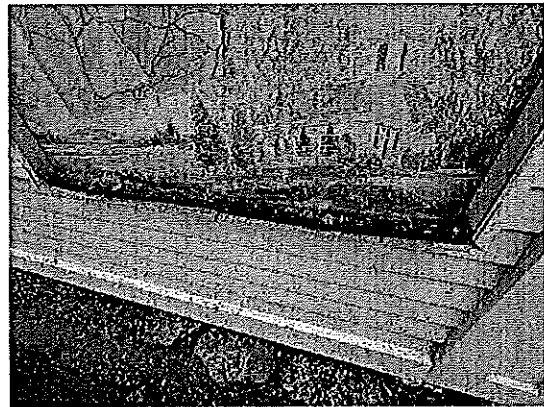
Close up of map



Close up of painting of church



Side view of screws holding plexiglass in place



Close up of rotting bottom

townadministrator@leverett.ma.us

Painter - Susan Valentine

Art

From: Susan Valentine <susanpvalentine@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 3:58 PM
To: townadministrator@leverett.ma.us
Subject: Re: painting out front of Town hall

Yep!

<http://www.susanvalentine.art>

On Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 3:37 PM <townadministrator@leverett.ma.us> wrote:

Great, so if I put in \$3,000 for the painting, we should be covered? Thanks

Marjorie McGinnis

From: Susan Valentine <susanpvalentine@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 20, 2024 3:35 PM
To: townadministrator@leverett.ma.us
Subject: Re: painting out front of Town hall

I would charge \$2200 for painting a prepared panel. Although, I may have to do the ground coat, too? I will assume that your carpenter will not have artist grade paint. Maybe he could coat it with Kilz and I'd take it from there.

On Fri, Sep 20, 2024 at 3:22 PM <townadministrator@leverett.ma.us> wrote:

Hi, thank you so much for getting back to me! I am open to anything and agree a new one is probably better. Could you give me a cost to do it however you think is best and we'll cross our fingers that the funding comes through? Someone else would do the woodwork.

Marjorie McGinnis

Administrator/MLP Manager

Town of Leverett

9 Montague Road

Leverett, MA 01054

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Leverett Woodworks

Small business · Furniture accessories in Leverett, Massachusetts

September 30, 2024

Town Hall front cabinet, to house painting

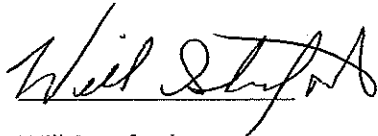
Materials:

Plywood/plexiglass frame	\$500
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Labor, 12 hrs/\$55/hr	\$660
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\$1160

Furnish/install new painting in cabinet (painting completed by others)



Will Stratford

Support
letter



TOWN OF LEVERETT
Massachusetts 01054

September 24, 2024

Dear Community Preservation Committee,

We are writing to express our full support for the relocation and restoration of the Town's historic set of weights and measures to the Town Hall. This move will allow the set to be displayed in a protected environment where it can be appreciated by those who visit the building. The 1848 weights and measures, still intact and complete, are a valuable artifact of our town's history and deserve both protection and visibility.

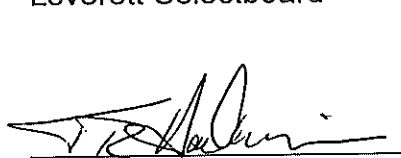
This remarkable instrument reflects an era in which transactions were conducted with precision using these elegantly crafted tools. Leverett is fortunate to possess such a well-preserved set, offering a unique glimpse into a bygone period. Displaying it at Town Hall would not only protect this important piece of history but also allow future generations to witness a tangible reminder of our community's past.

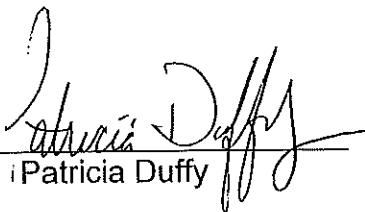
The Selectboard strongly endorses this project, which we believe will enhance the preservation and public appreciation of a significant chapter in Leverett's heritage.

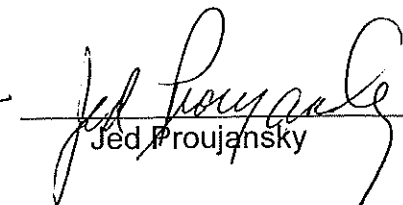
Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Leverett Selectboard


Thomas Hankinson, Chair


Patricia Duffy


Jed Proujansky