



**TOWN OF LEVERETT
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
(Short Form)**

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

Project Name: Town Weight + Measures Restoration + Display

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: \$ 8,000
 Amount from Other Funding Sources: \$
 Project Budget: \$ 8,000

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: 413-548-9129

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

Town Weights and Measures Restoration and Display

Project Description

The Town of Leverett still has a complete set of weights and measures in their original 1848 cabinet. The set has been located in the basement of the Field Building for several years. The purpose of this project is to move the set to the Town Hall, restore the cabinet to the extent that it can be restored without damaging it, reinstalling the weights, containers, and scales, and encasing it behind plexiglass or tempered glass so that they can be seen by the public and enjoyed by the town. To accomplish this, the State Metrologist and Laboratory Manager has volunteered to come out to Leverett to move the weights and other internal equipment from the cabinet, store them in a Town building while the cabinet gets restored, and then return to Leverett to replace them in the cabinet at Town Hall and reinstall them so that the set stays complete.

The cabinet appears to be in good condition but has some cracks and damages to the woodwork that have occurred over the years. This project includes a cost estimate from a cabinet restorer who is experienced working with cabinetry from the 1800's, to restore the cabinet as much as possible and then fit a see-through front on the set so that it can be viewed without touching and risk of losing some of the small pieces. Funds have been included in the application for the actual move of the cabinet, which may not be needed if the cabinet can be separated and moved much easier than it looks and therefore can be completed by town employees. Final determination on the best way to move the cabinet will not be determined until the weights, containers, and scale have been removed.

The benefit of this project is that it protects this amazing historic resource owned by the Town while expanding the audience that can see it without risk of losing any parts. The Town Hall building is a safer location due to its more frequent use, lower moisture, and its more consistently used heating and cooling equipment.

Detailed Project Budget

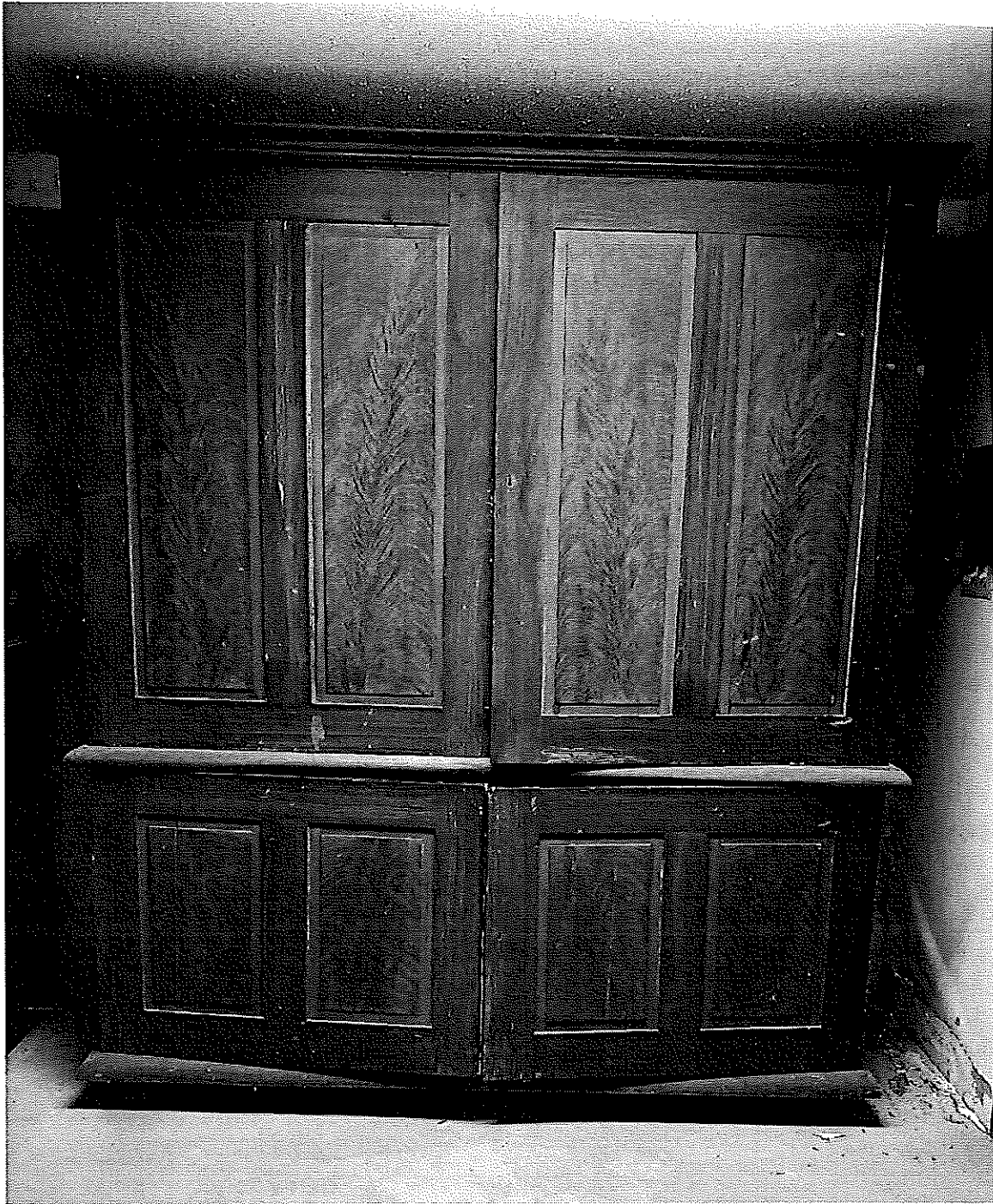
An estimate for the work to be completed as part of the project is attached.

Historic Cabinet Restoration	\$3,000
Clear cabinet front	\$2,000
Moving	\$1,000
Cost of weights and scales removal and reinstallation	Free
Contingency	<u>\$2,000</u>
Total request	\$8,000

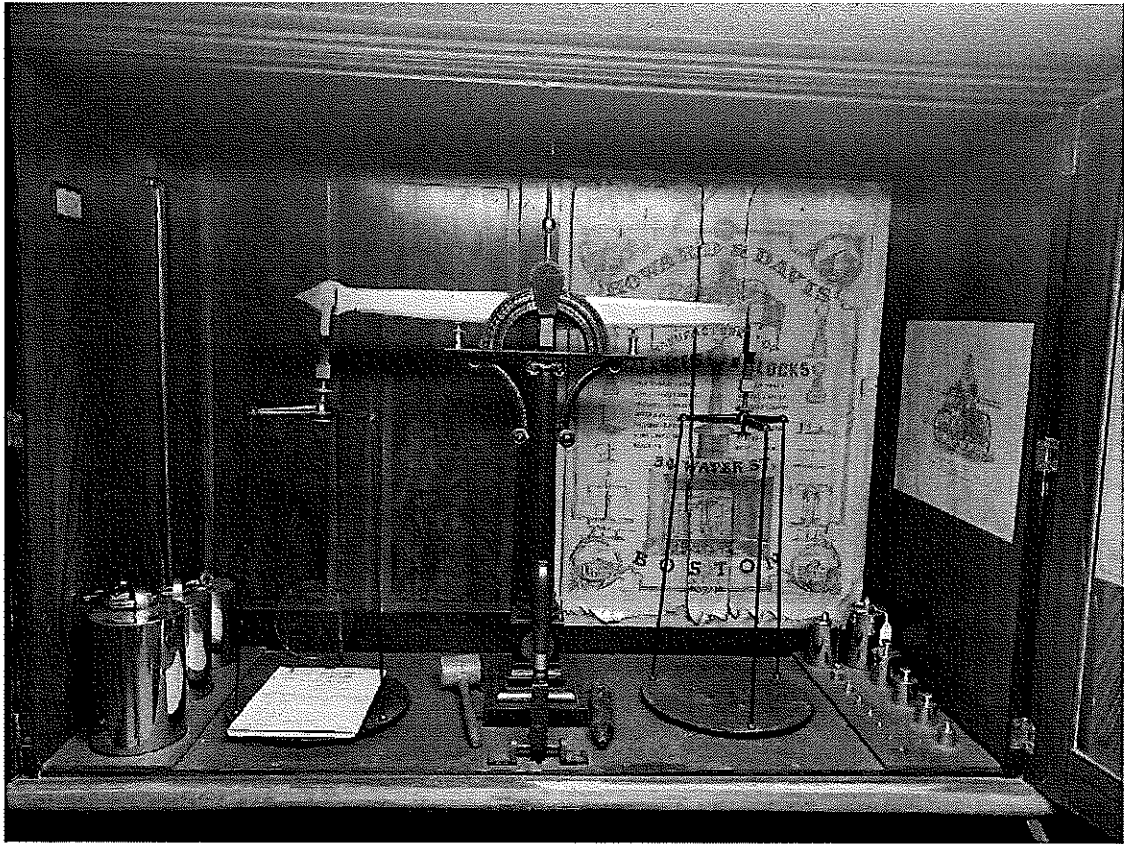
Timeline/Project Schedule

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



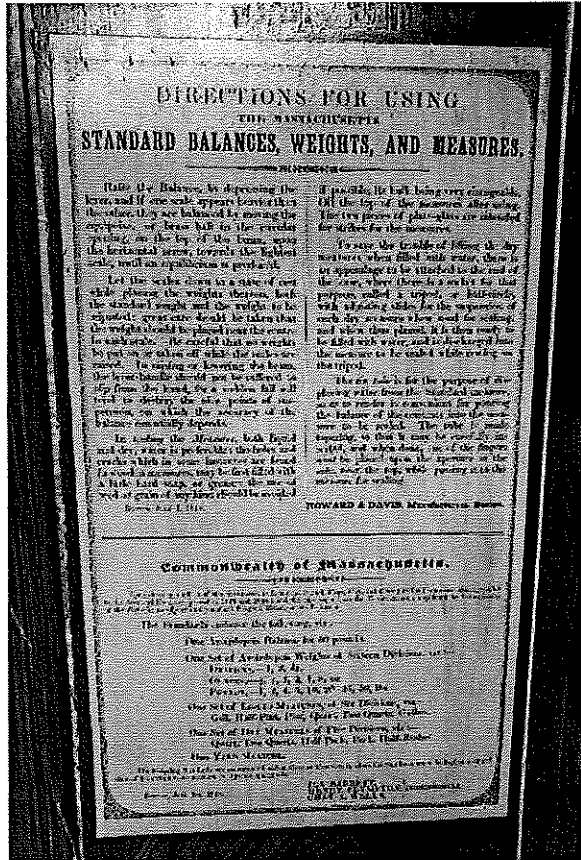
Cabinet from the Front



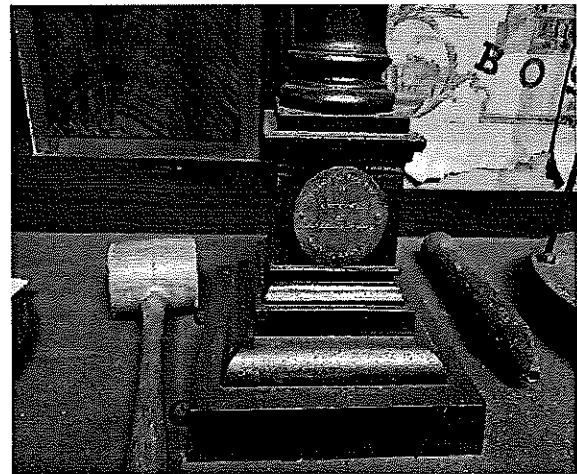
Top of cabinet inside with scales and weights



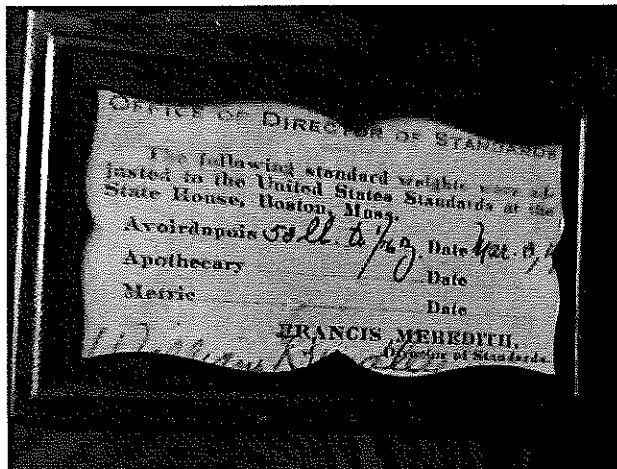
Bottom inside with grain and liquid measures



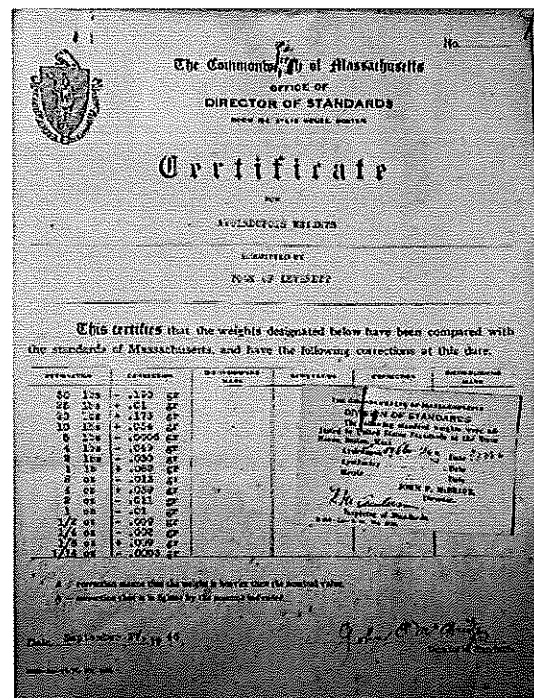
Instructions sign - Dated 1848



Dedication to the Town of Leverett Plaque



Last Calibration Dated 1946



Certificate of last Calibration Dated 1946