

Application for Boxford Community Preservation Act Funding

Name of Applicant: MT. VERNON-BROOKSIDE CEMETERY CORP.
Sponsoring Organization: _____ (if applicable)
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Name of Proposal: VAULT RETAINING WALL REPAIR

CPA Category
(circle all that apply):

Open space Historic preservation

Recreation Community housing

CPA Funding Requested: \$ 3000.00

Total Cost of Proposed Project: \$ 5975.00

Project Description

Attach answers to the following questions. Include supporting materials as necessary.

1. **Goals:** What are the goals of the proposed project?
2. **Community Need:** Why is this project important? Does it address needs identified in existing town plans?
3. **Community Support:** What is the nature and level of support for this project? Include letters of support, if any.
4. **Timeline:** What is the schedule for project implementation, including a timeline for all critical elements?
5. **Credentials:** How will the experience of the applicant contribute to the success of this project?
6. **Success Factors:** How will the success of this project be measured? Be as specific as possible.
7. **Budget:** What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure must be clearly identified. Distinguish between hard and soft costs.

Submit to:

Boxford Community Preservation Committee
Boxford Town Hall
7A Spofford Road
Boxford, MA, 01921

8. **Other funding:** The Boxford CPA Committee expects that applicants will offer alternative sources of funding to cover a portion of the total cost of the project. What additional funding sources are available, committed or under consideration? Include commitment letters, if available, and describe any other attempts to secure funding for this project.
9. **Maintenance:** If ongoing maintenance is required for your project, how will it be funded?
10. **Preservation:** CPA projects require deed restrictions limiting the use of the interest to the purpose for which it was acquired. Please attach a copy of your proposed deed restriction.

Additional Information

Provide the following additional information, as applicable: _____

12. Evidence that the project does not violate any zoning ordinance or any other laws or regulations.
13. Evidence that the proposed site is free of hazardous materials or that there is any plan for remediation in place.
14. Evidence that appropriate professional standards will be following if construction, restoration or rehabilitation is proposed.



Request for CPA funding grant.

The project we are requesting partial funding for is to rebuild a section of the retaining wall that is holding the vault together at Brookside cemetery. It is slowly failing and we feel that we would lose the historic vault if it does.

Although the property is not directly owned by the Town, it is a very real part of the Town. The cemetery, as all of the cemeteries in current use in the Town are, is a private corporation with a board of Trustees made up of lot holders in the cemetery. We receive no funding from the Town to maintain or otherwise run the cemetery. Our operating expenses come from the sale of lots and burials. It is inconsistent at best. We need to fix the wall and could use some assistance with the expense.

Brookside Cemetery is just outside of West Boxford center on Main Street. The cemetery has always had the vault with the retaining walls on both sides. It is clearly visible from Main Street as you drive by in either direction. The flagpole is just to the right of the vault. We feel it is an integral part of the history of Boxford and a very real part of present day West Boxford.

The project would be done by Peterson Landscaping of West Boxford. They have great expertise in stone rebuilding. For those of you who have been around the Meredith Farm Area in Topsfield and seen the stonewalls of the farm, you are looking at his work. We hope to start in early spring as soon as possible.

The entire cost of the project is \$5975.00. We feel we can put about \$3000.00 of our money into this project and maintain our footing for summer maintenance. The breakdown of the project is included with the estimate along with a full description of the work to be done.

We appreciate any help we can get for this project and we appreciate your consideration of it for CPA funding. All money spent goes directly to the contract. We have no permitting issues or land issues as it is a cemetery and we have no overhead costs.

Thank You,



David Smallman

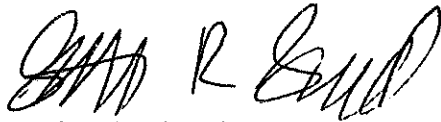
February 1, 2023

To the Boxford Community Preservation Committee:

I am the Archivist for the Boxford Historic Document Center, as well as being a Boxford resident, and I would love to see the Boxford CPA grant money to the Brookside Cemetery Association for the repair of the cemetery wall alongside the vault. At this point in time, every cemetery in Boxford has a long history. Brookside was founded nearly 200 years ago, in 1838, and the vault dates to this early era. Our cemeteries are often visited by local residents who have family buried there or who enjoy looking at the stones and thinking about the past and about people who used to live here. I also often direct out-of-town visitors to Brookside and other cemeteries in town when they are interested in learning more about a family member or paying respects to one of their ancestors.

Unfortunately, over time the New England climate with its frosts and thaws has caused the fieldstone wall alongside the vault to collapse, which creates a challenging expense for the Brookside Cemetery Association. All our cemeteries here in town are privately operated and funded on very limited resources. As monuments to Boxford's past residents who helped to build, sustain, and love our town, I believe they are very worthy candidates of historic preservation funds.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robin Siegel', written in a cursive style.

Robin Siegel, Archivist
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Estimate 1031

ADDRESS

David Smallman
Boxford Brookside Cemetery

DATE
01/22/2023

TOTAL
\$5,975.00

| DATE | DESCRIPTION | AMOUNT |
|------|---|----------|
| | Stone Wall Repair at Brookside Cemetery Completely disassemble compromised left side wall of vault and remove stump. Install a crushed stone foundation approx. 4-6 inches. Recreate stone wall using existing stones to match right side wall to the best of our ability. Mortar wall from behind for stability. Back fill with crushed stone for drainage purposes. Install granite curbing for cap. Clean and neaten work area. | 5,975.00 |

TOTAL \$5,975.00

THANK YOU.

Accepted By

Accepted Date

We appreciate your business!

