

Completed Hamilton Community Preservation Act Projects

Fiscal Year 2007

Town Hall Heating Renovation - With the help of \$105,000 in Community Preservation Act (CPA) funds, Hamilton's historic Town Hall is now benefiting from a new and more efficient heating system. The old system had been in place since the 1970s and was functioning well-below acceptable standards while burning excessive amounts of fuel.

Masconomet Plaque – Using \$2,200 in CPA funds, Hamilton was able to place a new, permanent, bronze plaque commemorating the gravesite of Chief Masconomet on Sagamore Hill. Chief Masconomet died 350 years ago, and he and his wife are buried on Sagamore Hill. At one time, Chief Masconomet was the sagamore, or sachem, of the Agawam tribe, which inhabited most of the region from Cape Ann up the coast to Newburyport.

Old Library Re-use Study – Through the use of \$9,900, CPA was able to fund a feasibility study on new usages of the old Hamilton Library site, such as more recreational opportunities and/or Community Housing.

Patton Park Field Re-Grading – With the help of \$4,400, CPA funds were used to fund the repair of drainage problems at the Patton Park baseball field.

Renovations to Hamilton Housing Authority Apartments – With the help of \$130,000 in CPA funds 22 kitchenettes at the Railroad Avenue Hamilton Authority Apartments were renovated. The old kitchenettes were a safety hazard and have now been replaced.

Historic Headstone Repairs – Through the use of \$3,000 in CPA funds, many of the historic headstones, which were deteriorating, at Hamilton's Town Cemetery were refurbished.

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MA Conservation Mapping Assistance Partnership Program - \$1,200 in CPA funds was used to pay for the purchase of a laptop computer needed to carryout the MACMAPP GIS program whose purpose is to support conservation organizations with planning and inventory using GIS.

Hamilton-Wenham Community House Portico Repair Design – With the help of \$8,200 in CPA funds, architectural and design work necessary for the repair of the HW Community House portico and underlying structural system was completed.

Conservation of Historic Documents - \$16,346 was used to fund the preservation and scanning of a variety of the Town's historical assets which were in need of conservation.

Chebacco Woods Trail Restoration - Funded, in part, by \$25,000 of CPA funds, much-needed improvements were made to the White Dot Trail at the popular recreation area, Chebacco Woods. Existing trails were rerouted and stabilized thus making the entire

western section of the Woods accessible year round. Hamilton CPA funds leveraged significant other funding, including a \$50,000 grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, an in-kind contribution from Gordon College, and *pro bono* work by Rimmer Environmental Consulting. In addition, funding is being sought from Manchester Community Preservation Act funds this year to complete the project.

Pleasant Pond Landscape Improvement Plan - \$23,300 in CPA funds was used to fund a portion of the Pleasant Pond Landscape Improvement Plan, specifically, parking lot improvements and sub-grade preparation.

Construction of picnic tables, trash bins, and bike racks - With the help of \$4,200, CPA funds were used to pay for the purchase of raw materials to construct a dozen picnic tables, bike racks, and trash receptacles to be placed in parks and various other public areas of town.

Energy Audit for Town Hall - \$9,900 in CPA funds were used to fund an energy audit and heating design solution for Town Hall.

Woodbury Street Path – With the help of \$32,000 in CPA funds, the new Woodbury Street Path project is almost complete. The path is an important resource for bikers and walkers who regularly use Woodbury Street.

Landfill Site Assessment and Reuse – Through the use of \$113,000 in CPA funds, a site assessment studying the existing condition of the landfill was completed. The results of this study will help shape the reuse of the landfill including the portions that will be used as open space.

Fiscal Year 2009

Renovations of Historic Bell at the First Congregational Church of Hamilton - \$11,000 was used to fund renovations that will enable the historic bell at the First Congregational Church of Hamilton to ring at time intervals synchronized with the Town Clock.

Hamilton Wenham Community House Portico Project - \$60,000 was used to partially fund the repair of the portico of the Community House including new concrete masonry, repair and waterproofing.

Replacement of Floor at Senior Center/Old Library - \$9,000 was used to pay for the removal of existing carpeting, which was in extremely poor condition and a safety hazard for the seniors, and pay for new flooring.

Restoration of Weaver Pond at Patton Park - With the help of \$2,500 in CPA funds, activities were undertaken to preserve and restore Weaver Pond at Patton Park as a public recreational resources, particularly for skating in the winter.

Fiscal Year 2010

Hamilton-Wenham Community House Portico - \$25,500 in CPA funds was used to cover a portion of the cost of the lead removal associated with the Hamilton-Wenham Community House portico restoration.

Asbury Grove Tabernacle Restoration Project - \$26,000 in CPA funds was used to pay for a portion of the cost of renovation of the 115-year old Tabernacle. The Tabernacle has an application pending to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places. It is the only wooden tabernacle remaining in the United States.

Fence and Landscape Restoration of Hamilton Cemetery - \$7,444 of CPA funds was used to renovate the historic fence and historic landscaping at Hamilton's Town Cemetery which was established in 1705.