

Report to the Eastham Community Preservation Committee – December 2019

CPA Funds Received by Eastham Historical Society for

Restoration of the Chester Ranlett Tool Museum

Eastham Historical Society received a Community Preservation Act (CPA) grant of \$40,000.00 for FY 2018-2019 (approved at Town Meeting May 2018) to do restoration work on the Ranlett Tool Museum, specifically:

- a) Restoration of the Tool Museum's side walls on the south, west and northerly sides including replacing shingles, corner boards and windows, as well as checking for additional Powder Post Beetle Damage. (The easterly wall was restored by the Society in September 2017 to remediate Powder Post Beetle damage.)
- b) Installation of wiring in the Tool Museum that meets current code requirements.
- c) Upgrade and restoration of an existing ingress and egress driveway to the entire Swift-Daley Historic Museum Complex, including easier and safer access to the Ranlett Tool Museum together with a designated parking area to insure safety of Museum visitors as well as allowing easier access to the many tools in the Museum.

Requests For Proposals (RFPs) were put out in the fall and winter of 2017. Three bids were requested for each aspect of this project as listed above. Edward Dufresne was awarded the contract for the Carpentry work and invoices were submitted in the amount of \$19,541.17 for that work, with an additional \$250.00 charge for time and materials to enclose the new electrical box in order to make a safe enclosure. The Electrical contract was awarded to T. A. Higgins Electric, an invoice was submitted for that work in the amount of \$2,228.00. The tree removal contract was awarded to Belair Landscaping in the amount of \$500.00. The driveway and parking contract was awarded to Dirtworks Inc. and an invoice was submitted in the amount of \$8,464.00.

Further work was done to the Forge doors at the request of CPC members and Society members to make the front of the building uniform and eliminate decay on those doors. This work was done by members of the Historical Society. Fencing was installed along the southerly property line of the parking area to protect it from ingress/egress erosion to the adjoining Post Office Parcel on Route 6. This work was also accomplished by members of the Historical Society. Costs for these two aspects were born by the Society. Work on the easterly wall was contracted and paid by the Society in the amount of \$3,835.00. The fencing installed by members of the Society at a cost of \$165.84.

During the initial carpentry and electrical work, it was discovered that there was a leak in the roof as well as the Forge Hood. Bids were sought for that work and the contract was awarded to Griffin Metalworks; the invoice for that work was \$3,650.00 and was paid from the Grant.

Construction began in September 2018, with the bulk completed in October 2018. Fencing as installed by Society Members was completed in the Fall of 2018. The Restoration of the Forge Doors was completed in July 2019. Finally, the Forge Hood restoration was completed in October 2019.

A spreadsheet of the projected costs vs. actual costs for this grant is attached.

The Historic Deed Restriction to include the entire Swift-Daley complex was submitted to the Town of Eastham, signed and executed by the Board of Selectmen. This document also covers earlier CPA Grant for the Swift-Daley 1741 homestead in FY 2006 in the amount of \$250,000.00; as well as a CPA Grant for the Thomas Dill Beach Camp in FY 2015 in the amount of \$ 30,000.00.

The Society is deeply grateful to the CPC Board, Paul Lagg, Peter Wade, Jay Camp, the Board of Selectmen and the voters of Eastham for support of this latest grant. It has allowed the Society to showcase not only the Historic Building, but the many antique tools as well as a working forge. These have been on display during our weekly summer visitations, Tool Museum Day and Windmill Weekend. A popular event is the "What's It" where visitors are asked to guess what particular antique tools are or were used for. And we are now getting some visitors bringing in their own tools for help in identifying what they have found on their own.

It is our belief that the restored and preserved Swift-Daley complex is a beautiful focal point for the entire Eastham Community.

Eileen Seaboldt, President