PROJECT APPLICATION FORM – 2021

Applicant:

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Durpose: (Please select all that apply)

O Open Space

Community Housing

Historic Preservation

O Recreation

Town Committee (if applicable): Planning Department on behalf of Historical Commission

Project Name: Historic Structures Inventory Update 2021

Project Location/Address: TBD – Approximately 125 of the 293 MACRIS Surveys Town wide

Amount Requested: \$ 30,000

<u>Project Summary:</u> In the space below, provide a brief summary of the project.

Hire a professional consultant to update approximately 125 of the 293 surveys and records on the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) that were done over 40 years ago. This CPC Application is intended to provide the local match for a Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) Survey and Planning Fund grant. On behalf of the Town and the Historical Commission the Planning and Economic Development Department has submitted a preapplication to the MHC for a Survey and Planning Fund grant in the community-wide/targeted inventories project type in order to update the Fairhaven Inventory of Historic Assets. The Town has about 293 records on the Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System (MACRIS) but these surveys were performed in the late 1970' and early 1980's. Most of these surveys were prepared by thoughtful volunteers but after forty years they need review and revision.

The Historical Commission voted unanimously on Wednesday November 4, 2020 to support the application to the MHC Survey and Planning Fund for this grant. Our plan is to update approximately 125 of the 293 surveys. This would probably be done by neighborhood rather than by year built.

The MHC grant is a reimbursement grant that is paid to the Town after the work is completed satisfactorily. Therefor we are applying to the Community Preservation Committee for \$30,000 to cover the costs of hiring a professional consultant to perform the work. Presumably, once this phase of the project is complete and the Town is reimbursed the money from MHC any remaining CPC funds would either be returned or used for phase 2.

The way the grant works is the MHC staff and a sub-committee evaluate the pre-applications that were due on November 16, 2020. The Commission will then vote to invite approved pre-applications at its December 9, 2020 Commission meeting. If invited to apply the full application

will then be due by February 8, 2021 and grant awards will be made at the March 10, 2021 Commission meeting.

Each phase of a project lasts from 6-12 months in duration and is expected to start administratively in July 2021. With consultant projects, such as this, to begin work September 2021 following an open procurement process. The proposed work must be completed by June 30, 2022.

As noted, MHC Survey and Planning grants are reimbursement grants where the grant recipient must first expend the total project cost and then upon approval and acceptance of the final product and project completion report including financial documentation the recipient will be reimbursed for 50% of eligible costs up to the amount of the grant. There are no partial reimbursements prior to completion. Therefore, if we receive the grant, we have to have sufficient funds available to cover the entire cost of the project prior to being reimbursed. Additionally, the local matching funds must be in place when a grant award is made or at least on the Spring Town Meeting Warrant.

Estimated Date for Commencement of Project:	September 2021
Estimated Date for Completion of Project:	June 30, 2022_

