



Community Preservation Committee

PRELIMINARY ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION

Due Date: September 1, 2026

PRELIMINARY APPLICATION TO DETERMINE PROJECT ELIGIBILITY

All project applicants begin the application process by submitting a one-page Preliminary Eligibility Application Form, which will be used to determine whether the applicant is eligible for Community Preservation Act ("CPA") funds. No funding application will be accepted unless this preliminary eligibility application has been submitted and approved. Project eligibility is defined and the application process is explained in the Process Manual document on the Community Preservation Committee ("CPC") page of the Town of Hingham's website. Please submit via email to: CPC@hingham-ma.gov.

Applicants will be notified in mid-September whether their project is eligible for CPA funds. It will then be up to the applicant to complete the final application. Dates and further information are available on our website.

Applicant: First Parish in Hingham (Old Ship Church)

Project Name: Old Ship Meeting House Heating System, Water Supply Replacement, and Restore the 1837 and 1870 Historic Paths

Project Goals: (Please briefly describe how and why this project will benefit the community.)

Refer to attached Project Goals:

Brief Project Description: (Please briefly describe the work that will be done with CPA funds.)

Refer to attached Brief Project Description:

Estimated Total Cost of Project: \$450,000

Estimated CPA Request: \$225,000

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Project Purpose (please check all that apply)

☐ Acquisition ☒ Preservation ☒ Rehabilitation and
☐ Creation ☐ Support Restoration

CPA Category (please check all that apply)

☒ Open Space ☒ Historic
☐ Recreation ☐ Community Housing

Project Information:

Project Site Address: 90 Main Street

Current Owner of Site: First Parish in Hingham

Current Owner Signature:

*Note: If Applicant is not the owner of the property, written consent of the owner must accompany the application. For Town- owned property, the "owner" is the Board with the legal care, custody, and control of the property, or the Town Administrator.

Signature of Applicant:

Name:

President, Board of Trustees
First Parish in Hingham

Title: _____

Old Ship Meeting House Heating System, Water Supply Replacement and Restore the 1837 / 1870 Historic Paths

Project Goals:

Since 1681, the architecturally and historically significant Old Ship Meeting House - the country's only surviving 17th century Puritan Meeting House - has continuously served its First Parish congregation and hosted innumerable community events to celebrate personal milestones, promote civic engagement, recall American history, and discuss issues of the day. Thousands visit annually, including all Hingham 3rd-, 5th-, and 11th grade students. Without a working heating system and water for fire protection, use of the Meeting House would be severely restricted. Restored paths improve access from Hingham Square and provide access to the Meeting House open space .

Brief Project Description:

These projects will correct critical deteriorating support systems that threaten use of the Meeting House, especially during the winter, and enhance use in the summer. Restoration of historic paths will improve open space access to the MH and Cemetery.

1. Replace the failing 1930/1962 MH heating system with an energy-efficient Heat Pump System for heat and air conditioning. Install interior storm windows to reduce the overall building heat and cooling load.
2. Replace the rusted 1962 underground water supply pipes (Fire Protection & Domestic).
3. Restore the 1837 cemetery path from Main St. to the cemetery gate; and restore the 1870 path from Main St. to the MH.