

**Town of Hanover
Community Preservation Committee
Application for Funding**

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Name of Proposal: Carriage and Sleigh Restoration Project

Address of Proposal (or assessor's parcel ID): 514 Hanover Street

CPA Category (circle all that apply):

Open space Historic preservation Affordable Housing Recreation

CPA Funding Requested: \$10,000

Total Cost of Proposed Project: \$14,000

Expected Completion Date: November, 2021

If project is expected to continue over more than one year or if bonding the project is anticipated detail the cost of project on the following chart (explanation may be attached on a separate sheet.)

Fiscal Year	CPC Funds Requested	Total Cost	Other Funding Sources
2017			
2018			
2019			
Total			

¹ If the proposal is on Town-owned land, either the applicant or the co-applicant must be the Town Board, Commission, or Department in control of the land.

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October, 30, 2020**

Carriage and Sleigh Restoration Project

1.Goals: The Hanover Historical Society request a grant of \$14,000 for a Carriage and Sleigh Restoration Project for 2021. The project will be the restoration of two major items in the collections of the Hanover Historical Society. One of the items is a mid to late 19th Century horse-drawn carriage called a surrey and the other is a late 19th century horse-drawn sleigh known as a pung. Both have histories of use and ownership in Hanover. The two-seat surrey carriage is a rare example of its type, according to Frank “Whitey” Corriera, making it one of the most rare and important type of surviving carriages in the region. The carriage came from the estate of Fannie A. Phillips, and descended through her family. The Historical Society acquired the carriage from the estate in 1994-5, along with other wagons and sleighs, and the recently restored (2019) “Doctor’s Buggy.” All of which are housed in the Drummer Samuel Stetson House Lower Barn and Phillips Carriage House. The carriage has deteriorated over the past twenty-five years to the point where a full-scale restoration is necessary for preserving the carriage for the future. The sleigh is a pung, a rare survivor of late 19th Century winter transport vehicle. It was used by E. Phillips & Son of South Hanover, which is still clearly visible painted on the side of the sleigh. The sleigh needs a careful restoration especially because of damage to the front woodwork. The goal of the project is to fully restore the carriage and sleigh, documenting the process, preserving these rare vehicles for the future, and providing

opportunities for future educational and interpretive programs, including school visits to Stetson House, public events, and exhibiting.

2. Community Need: This Carriage and Sleigh restoration Project fits with the Hanover Master Plan regarding Historical and Cultural Assets by helping to “Preserve and protect critical historic and cultural resources in Hanover.” (Master Plan p.131) This is a rare opportunity to not only preserve these items but also to document the process of restoration undertaken by Hanover resident Frank “Whitey” Corriera, who is one of the very few people in New England who restores, builds, and repairs carriages and wagons, a disappearing craft trade. The project will help “improve public awareness of and education about Hanover’s historic and cultural assets.” (Master Plan p.132) The restoration will be photographed, filmed, and an exhibit created online to promote awareness of the project and the Historical Society’s stewardship of historic Hanover items. Restoration of the carriage and sleigh will help the Hanover Historical Society to preserve, interpret, and display the changes in Hanover’s transportation over time, especially to Hanover students studying local and national history.

3. Community Support: The Hanover Historical Society has around 100 individual and business members, and works with other town organizations like the John Curtis Free Library. The Historical Society has a long-standing and close relationship with the Center Elementary School whose 3rd grade students visit the Stetson House every Spring, either on-site or virtual as in the case of 2020. Future corporate and private sponsorship of the Historical Society’s collections will be sought to help insure the carriage, sleigh, and other items’ preservation and exhibition.

4. Timeline: Preliminary work on the Carriage and Sleigh Restoration Project will begin in November, 2020, with evaluation and transportation of both by Frank “Whitey” Correira to his workshop. Work restoring the sleigh will take four to five months and on the carriage six to seven months. Restoration work will begin soon as funding is approved in May, and should be completed by December of 2021.

5. Credentials: The Hanover Historical Society has existed for over ninety years and conducted several restoration and conservation projects. In the Fall of 2019, the Historical Society commissioned Frank “Whitey” Correira to restore a mid-19th Century Doctor’s Buggy that was used by Dr. Gad Hitchcock of Hanson and decedned through the Phillips family of South Hanover. The work was accomplished in three months, fully restoring all the metal, cloth, glass, wood, and leather pieces of the carriage.

6. Success Factors: The success of the project will be measured in the satisfactory completion of the restoration of both the carriage and the sleigh. Further success will be measured by the full documentation of the project for sharing with the public, describing the process of the work and the importance and history of the carriage and sleigh. Future opportunities for public display and exhibition, and inclusion of the carriage and sleigh in school visits and tours will also contribute to measuring the success of the project.

7. Budget:

Carriage restoration, materials and labor	\$7,500
Sleigh restoration, materials and labor	\$2,500
Interpretive materials, graphic labels	\$500
Chassis for moving sleigh	\$1,000

Staff time for documentation of project	\$2,500
Total	

Budget explanation: the restoration of the carriage and sleigh includes parts, specifically rare leather, wood, and glass items from Pennsylvania, and labor including the difficult steam-bending of wood and wheel recleaning and repair. The interpretive materials are graphic signs and labels printed specifically for the carriage and sleight for display purposes. The chassis for moving the sleigh will be a lightweight, wooden frame with wheels to make moving the sleigh, which is on two large runners, easy. This figure accounts for both materials and labor. The staff time is calculated as five hours per week at \$25 per hour, for 20 weeks over the course of the seven months. Staff time will be used to document the project, which includes photographing, filming, creating an online exhibit, and developing other educational materials for recording the entire project, raising public awareness, and providing for future interpretation.

8.Other Funding: Other possible funding sources including private individuals and foundations, and corporate and business sponsorships will be considered and approached for assisting with the future public programming associated with the Historical Society's carriage, wagon, and sleigh collection.

9.Maintenance: Future maintenance of the carriage and sleigh, and the other large items in the Historical Society's collection will be funding from other sources solicited specifically for that purpose.



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