

# Historic Restoration of Fence Posts & Rails at East Harwich Methodist Cemetery



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**TOWN OF HARWICH - COMMUNITY PRESERVATION  
COMMITTEE 2020 CPA PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST  
APPLICATION  
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022**

Submission Date: 10/30/2020

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Applicant:** Cemetery Department

Town Committee, Board or Organization: Cemetery Commission

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**Project Manager:** Robbin Kelley

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**Second Contact Person:** Cynthia A. Eldredge, Cemetery Commission Chair

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**PROJECT INFORMATION**

PROJECT TITLE: Historic Restoration of Fence Posts & Rails at East Harwich Methodist Cemetery

PROJECT AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$127,750

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Repair or replace granite post and rails

The cemetery that surrounds the East Harwich United Methodist Church is known as the East Harwich (Union) Methodist Cemetery. It is located at the corner of Church Street and Queen Anne Road in East Harwich and the fence has fallen into disrepair. There are 24 granite posts that are broken or have fractures which need to be replaced. This will require digging up and removing the broken posts and the installation of the new posts which will need to be purchased. Additionally, 46 galvanized pipe rails are either bent, rusted through, or are missing requiring their replacement. There are two rails between each post.

This cemetery is at a very busy intersection in our Town and is one of the first impression that visitors get when driving from Chatham into Harwich. Therefore, the Cemetery Commission is hoping that the CPC will approve this application, for this historic graveyard dating back to 1797.

ESTIMATED START DATE: August 2021

ESTIMATED COMPLETION DATE: July 1, 2022

**Three years from the release of funds (July 2021) funds may be rescinded automatically; waivers may be sought.**

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### **CPA CATEGORY**

**APPLICANTS PLEASE TAKE NOTE \*\*please check boxes for all that apply\*\***

- ☐ **Open Space:** This application is for the “acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and/or preservation of open space”.
- ☒ **Historic:** This application is for the “acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and/or restoration of historic resources”. Please provide the date on which the HDHC reviewed and endorsed this application.
- ☐ **Community Housing:** This application is for the “acquisition, creation, preservation and/or support of community housing”.
- ☐ **Recreation:** This application is for the “acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and/or restoration of land for recreational use”.

**How does this project fit into Harwich’s Local Comprehensive Plan and/or other Plan?**

This project is part of the Cemetery Commission’s

This project is part of the Cemetery Commission’s master plan, which includes Planning, Assessments and Inventories of all the cemetery properties. We are in the process of developing long-term plans for the cemeteries, particularly in the area of maintenance. This includes inventory of all the 16 cemeteries, evaluating each ones condition and determining the course of action for preservation.

**How does this project benefit the citizens of Harwich? If appropriate, has the application sought public opinion or input? If not, why?**

Preservation of the fence at East Harwich Methodist Cemetery, dating back to 1797 is in the best interest of the Town. We have many visitors to our town cemeteries. This cemetery contains many Mayflower descendants which attracts visitors performing genealogy research. It is critically important that the grounds remain in safe and passable condition. Currently there are broken granite posts and dangerously bent and corroded rails on the grounds which have become a hazard to visitors. It is important that visitors have a positive experience when visiting.

**Please list other Commissions/Boards/Committees/Organizations that may have involvement, jurisdiction, partnering:**



<u>Commissions/Boards/Committees/Organizations</u>	Please have them initial here after their review
The Harwich Cemetery Commission	CE
Historic Commission (To be Scheduled) <i>On November 18, 2020</i>	

**Describe their response, or provided written comments/input:**

**PROJECT BUDGET:** Attach a dated and detailed line item project budget estimate for your funding request. If the request involves a Town-owned asset, provide the project's projected operating expenses, including maintenance.

**COST ESTIMATE(S):** \$ 127,750

Attach cost estimates or firm quotes (if available) for all projects.

**LAND and/or BUILDING ACQUISITION PROJECTS:** The following **must** also be submitted, as applicable:

- ☐ Surveys and/or plot plans for the property
- ☐ Appraisals and agreements, if available.
- ☐ Name of present owner and attach copy of deed conveying property unto present owner.
- ☐ Property address, Harwich Assessor's property identification (Map#, Parcel #).
- ☐ For proposed Open Space land purchases, be prepared to discuss public access with the Committee.

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By signing below, the Applicant represents and warrants that all the information included is true and correct to the best of the signer's knowledge and belief. Further, the Applicant acknowledges in the event that the Community Preservation Committee agrees to grant funds to Applicant (and subject to Town Meeting approval), this application together with any Terms and Conditions shall constitute a binding agreement, between the Applicant and the Community Preservation Committee. Further, Applicant acknowledges and agrees to execute any additional grant agreements

HENRY T. CROSBY & SON  
*Thomas J. Blute – Designer & Builder of*  
MONUMENTS AND CEMETERY MEMORIALS  
672 MAIN STREET HARWICH, MA 02645

Harwich Cemetery Commission  
Oak St.  
Harwich, MA 02645

Attn. Robin  
Re: E. Harwich Methodist Church Cemetery

Oct. 20, 2020

Materials:

26 Stony Creek Granite Posts All rock-pithched  
4 holes @ 2" per posts (104)  
25 1 1/4" Galvanized steel pipes @ 21 '

Scope of work:

Un earth and remove remnants of 24 broken granite posts.  
Install new posts with rails cut to size.  
Remove damaged, rusted and bent rails and replace.  
Remove trees and brush that has grown in the path.

Estimated Materials:	87,000.
Estimated Labor:	26,000.
Estimated Shipping:	5,500.
Estimated Landscaping:	4,250.
Misc. expenses:	5,000.
Estimated Cost: \$ 127,750.00	

Prepared by Thomas Blute – Owner

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should the Community Preservation Committee so request.

**ATTESTATION: I HEREBY ATTEST THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED  
IN THIS APPLICATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY  
KNOWLEDGE.**

Signature - Chief Executive Officer or Board Chair

Title

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robbin Kelley", is written over a horizontal line.

Cemetery Administrator

Printed Name Robbin Kelley

Date 30 October 2020

**APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 30, 2020 NO LATER THAN 4 PM**

Must submit eight (8) paper copies and if possible, a thumb drive (USB memory stick)  
containing a digital copy of the Application in a PDF file format.