

Harwich Historical District and Harwich Historical Commission
Report to Community Preservation Committee
April 2023

Tasks Approved for CPA Funding:

Updating 100 Year Historical Building List
Documenting Clusters of Houses in our Villages
Documenting Other Categories in MACRIS

Current Status:

The Statement of Work and other documentation was submitted to the town administration in February so the RFP can be developed. I have been informed by Meggan Eldredge that the RFP is on track to be produced in the next few weeks.

Previously Reported Updates:

Update Inventory

We have identified 58 properties to be added to the 100-year spreadsheet. The HHD&C members have done visual inspection to confirm the buildings have not been demolished and rebuilt. Preparing the MACRIS Form B's will not be accomplished in this project due to the high number of cluster buildings to be completed.

Document Village Clusters and Houses

We have identified 253 properties that need to have completed MACRIS Form B. These properties reside within 34 designated clusters in our 7 villages. The architectural descriptions are completed but need the historical information added before they can be submitted to the Massachusetts Historical Commission to be included in the MACRIS database. The process requires looking up properties in the Registry of Deeds, cross referencing names to various sources like the list of Cape Cod Sea Captains, History of Harwich, History of Cape Cod (DEYO) and newspapers. These will be submitted to the assistant town manager for an RFP to be generated. We anticipate this will require the full use of allocated funds.

We have identified approximately 20 properties completed by Hale Architects but were never filed in the MACRIS database. Also, there are current MACRIS entries that need to be updated. We are hoping to work with Sarah Korjeff at the Cape Cod Commission to improve these entries at no additional cost.

Updating Objects and Areas

Our CPA grant also mentioned the inclusion of other historical information in the MACRIS database. We currently have various objects and areas in the database. We would like to add in memorials and other significant areas. There will be insufficient money to complete this in our current round of funding.