

Letter of Intent
CLG 2014
Town of Jaffrey – Jaffrey Historic District Commission
Presumed to be a Priority II project

PROJECT IDEA. Document the Jaffrey Meetinghouse (1775) by

- 1) producing measured CAD drawings at quarter scale or better to include a) a plan, b) 4 elevations, c) 2 sections and d) a framing plan; and
- 2) photographing the exterior and interior; and
- 3) documenting the major additions and changes to the interior and exterior from 1775 to the present.

PLAN TO IMPLEMENT. Measured drawings (1) would be undertaken by a registered architect with the appropriate experience. Photography (2) and written documentation (3) would be undertaken by volunteers. All products would be placed on the Town of Jaffrey website.

NATURE OF THE WORK. The Jaffrey Meetinghouse, the frame of which was raised on the day of the Battle of Bunker Hill in 1775, is a second period meetinghouse constituting the architectural and historical gem of the Jaffrey Center Historic District (both National Register and Local). Over its history it has served Jaffrey as a church, town meeting location, high school and town offices. In 1922 it was reconfigured to serve as a flexible meeting space with movable seating and a proscenium stage.

From time-to-time drawings of parts of the Meetinghouse have been done for specific projects at differing scales and in differing formats but never has any documentation been undertaken to include the entire structure. Because of its architectural and historical significance, a full set of accurate drawings and high-resolution photographs will be of great value particularly in case of any need for rebuilding portions of the structure as a result of some disastrous event.

An estimate has been received from a local architect to undertake the measured drawings, producing electronic files of same, for an amount of approximately \$10,000. The extensive photography and documentation called for would be undertaken by volunteers. Consequently, the total grant amount requested would be \$10,000, the local match in time, donated materials, transportation and cash being \$6,667 (60-40).

The proposed budget would almost entirely be associated with the fee charge for producing the measured drawings. Other costs (modest) would include reproduction of the drawings and of the photographs.

Possible local sources of funding if required:

- Town of Jaffrey Meetinghouse Trust Fund
- Town of Jaffrey Historic District Commission Trust Fund
- Terra Nova Trust, a donor-directed fund of the NH Charitable Foundation
- Bean Family Foundation
- Jaffrey Center Village Improvement Society
- Jaffrey Historical Society

- Donations from interested individuals

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS. If Jaffrey undertakes this effort with CLG support the intention is to approach it as a demonstration project that can be used to develop procedures, criteria and guidelines for undertaking similar projects elsewhere in Cheshire County and statewide under the sponsorship of either an existing non-profit organization or a future organization specifically focused on preserving and documenting historic meetinghouses.

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