

# HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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## **2003 Scout Hall Restoration**

**\$81,000**

The Friends of Scout Hall requested \$81,000.00 to be used for the repair and preservation of Scout Hall. This circa 1800's building located on Mt. Pleasant Street served as a one-room school house until the 1920's when it became a meeting place for Boy Scouts. It was dedicated in 1969 as the Alvin S. Brown Scout Hall. The building served for scout meetings until the mid-1990's when it was closed to the public needing extensive repairs.

CP funds were contingent upon the Friends of Scout Hall obtaining a lease from the Town for Rockport for no less than ten years.

## **2003 Thacher Island – Keepers House**

**\$75,000**

The Thacher Island Association received an appropriation of \$75,000 to restore the Principal Keepers House located on Thatcher Island. The Island is an icon, a "National Historic Landmark" owned by the Town of Rockport that averages 2000 visitors a year. The Island's twin lights are part of our town seal.

## **2003 Community House**

**\$16,500**

The Rockport Community House Coordinator received an appropriation of \$16,500.00 for internal and external structural repairs necessary to preserve the historic integrity of the Rockport Community House located on Broadway.

## **2004 Scout Hall Restoration**

**\$80,196**

The Friends of Scout Hall requested \$80,196 to be used for additional repairs and preservation of Scout Hall, a circa 1800's former one room school house located on Mt. Pleasant Street.

## **2004 Old Castle**

**\$50,000**

The Sandy Bay Historical Society received an appropriation of \$50,000 to restore the foundation of the Old Castle. The Old Castle was built in 1711 and is the oldest building on Cape Ann open to the public. It is one of the few remaining Salt Box houses in Essex County. It is on the National Register of Historical places.

This unique and historic collection includes Granite Industry objects, domestic life items from

the 1700's and 1800's, and Civil War era objects including Uncle Tom's Cabin stage items and personal items from Rockporters who served in the Civil War.

\$11,500 was unspent and returned to the general CPC Fund.

### **2004 Thacher Island – Keepers Cottage** **\$160,000**

The Thachers Island Association received an appropriation of \$160,000 for interior restoration work in the Principal Keepers Cottage on the Island.

### **2006 Unitarian Universalist Church** **\$35,000**

The Unitarian Universalist Society of Rockport received an appropriation of \$35,000 to restore 10 exterior windows at their historic Cleaves Street church that was built in 1829. The old windows had deteriorated to the point of being non-serviceable and require complete restoration. The building is a good example of early American Architecture and is part of Rockport's Main Street Historic District, which is listed in the National Registry of Historic Place's. This building is the second oldest Unitarian Universalist Church in America.

### **2006 Congregational Church** **\$91,600**

The Congregational Church of Rockport requested \$91,600 to restore the church steeple, clock faces, internal clock works and the exterior restoration of the church façade. The church is located on Main Street and was originally built in 1804. The building is a good example of early American Architecture and is part of Rockport's Main Street Historic District, which is listed in the National Registry of Historic Place's. The clock is owned by the Town of Rockport.

### **2006 American Legion Bandstand** **\$35,000**

The American Legion Bandstand was built over 70 years ago. Much of the structure exposed to the weather requires full restoration. As part of the restoration, the modern style lights inside the structure will be replaced with a historically accurate light style that is more in keeping with the original design of the structure. Labor will be provided by the Department of Public Works.

### **2007 Community House Plans** **\$75,000**

The Town received an appropriation of CP funds for Architectural and Engineering services preparatory to commencing major restoration work on this historic structure that was originally a one room school house built in 1865. In 1869 a lower story was constructed under the existing

building so it could then house grammar school students on the first floor and high school students on the upper floor. In 1890 the back addition was constructed. The last students graduated in 1925.

In 1929 the building was taken over for use by community organizations, and has functioned as the "Community House" since that time.

## **2007 Old Castle**

**\$22,000**

The Sandy Bay Historical Society received an appropriation of \$22,000 to restore the roof of the Old Castle. The existing asphalt shingle roof will be removed and red cedar shingles will be installed for the roofing. Critical work on the roof itself and underlayment will also take place. About 1/3 of the work will be covered by donated funds.

## **2007 Public Library Roof**

**\$148,350**

The Town received an appropriation of \$148,350 to restore the Public Library Roof. The building now housing the Rockport Library was built in the mid-1800's as part of the Rockport Steam Cotton Mill complex and later converted to the George J. Tarr School in the 1904-1907 period. It was then converted to the Franz Denghausen Public Library in 1990.

This restoration would ensure the preservation of this historic building which has been a symbol of community pride and aspiration for the past 152 years.

## **2007 Scout Hall**

**\$97,200**

This year the Friends of Scout Hall received an appropriation of \$97,200 to undertake interior and structural repairs, and handicap accessibility.

The preservation project has been a mix of CP funding, sweat equity, and significant contributions from local businesses. Since the Town owns Scout Hall, the improvements will benefit any future use of the building as well as the current primary users-- the various scouting organizations in Town serving over 400 of the town's youth.

## **2007 Thacher Island - Whistle House**

**\$89,400**

The Thacher Island Association received an appropriation of \$89,400 to restore the Whistle House, also called the Fog Signal building. It was constructed in 1887 to provide an audible signal to boats during fog when the lighthouses may not be visible and used until 1980 when the U.S. Coast Guard installed solar powered fog signals at the base of the South Tower.

## **2007 Thacher Island – South Tower**

**\$125,000**

The Thacher Island Association received an appropriation of \$125,000 to stabilize and conserve the historic properties of the South Tower built in 1861 and standing 124 feet tall. It is constructed of granite with a brick liner, and a cast iron spiral staircase.

CP funds have generated significant contributions of federal and private dollars since 2003 that have been invested in this key site. The Thacher Island Association has an impeccable track record of receiving outright grants and leveraging matching grants.

The completion of four CP funded projects on the Island will allow the Thacher Island Committee to make the key resources of the Island increasingly available to visitors. The Island is both a wealth of cultural and education resources for students found in the buildings and interpretive signage. The conservation value of the site, partially owned by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, is demonstrated by the site's status as a National Wildlife Refuge. Joint educational programs with the Service are planned.

## **2008 Rockport Art Association**

**\$126,452**

The Rockport Art Association received an appropriation of \$126,452 to cover major costs of preserving the Old Tavern Building. Preservation work includes masonry work, repair and/or replacement of windows and dormers, repair and painting of cladding, preservation of the front door, and replacement of gutters to protect siding and foundation.

This project is part of an effort to preserve all of the buildings that make up the RAA Complex, including the Maddocks and Hibbard buildings.

The Rockport Art Association receives many visitors each year. This includes local school children and adults who participate in and support the RAA's various programming, and a large number of tourists who see the RAA as the center of artist activity in Rockport. Preservation of these buildings will protect the valuable art work housed here as well as provide an important asset to the Town – well-preserved historic buildings in the Town center.

## **2008 Community House Plans**

**\$26,210**

The Town received an additional appropriation of CP funds to continue Architectural and Engineering services preparatory to commencing major restoration work on this historic structure.