

Community Preservation Act Historical Preservation

Taylor Bray Farm – Pasture Fence Installation



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2016	Pasture Fence Installation	\$20,675	\$20,675	Completed
TOTAL		\$20,675	\$20,675	

Taylor-Bray Farm is a town-owned property acquired in 1987 "for conservation and historic preservation purposes." The non-profit Taylor-Bray Farm Preservation Association has partnered with the town since 2001 in helping to manage the farm. The farm consists of approximately 21 acres of farm land including 2 1/2 acres of pasture. The farm borders on Black Flats Marsh and has a boardwalk into the marsh area. The pasture area and fencing serve the following animals, 1 Scottish Highland cow, 2 Nubian goats, 2 miniature donkeys, 6 Navajo Churro sheep and several chickens of various breeds. There are picnic tables at the farm. The farm is currently being used for recreation and education.

Related Link: <http://taylorbrayfarm.org/>

Map: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/108+Bray+Farm+Rd+N,+Yarmouth+Port,+MA+02675/@41.7216501,-70.2066279,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89fb38434eee201f:0x725e4d6f9bfd888!8m2!3d41.7216501!4d-70.2044392>

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Taylor Bray Farm – Farmhouse Rehabilitation



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2007	Farmhouse Rehabilitation	\$600,000	\$574,867	Completed
April 2011	Farmhouse Rehab Additional Funds	\$75,000	\$74,873	Completed
TOTAL		\$675,000	\$649,740	

The antique half-cape farmhouse on the property of Taylor Bray Farm was built in approximately 1800 and remained virtually unchanged until the 1950s. Since then, there were some inappropriate additions and lack of maintenance that resulted in a deterioration of the building. The farmhouse was rendered uninhabitable in 1999. Although the main part of the farmhouse is approximately 200 years old, expert inspections of the structure indicated that older, re-cycled materials were used in its construction. For instance, one of the main support beams was once a gunstock post previously used in a substantial structure from the 17th century. The Town of Yarmouth, acting through its Community Preservation Committee and through the April 2007 and April 2011 Annual Town Meetings voted to undertake and then to complete the rehabilitation of the Taylor Bray Farm farmhouse in two phases. Given the varied existing conditions of the house, the project consisted of both old and new construction techniques, with the oldest part of the house (the front half cape – surprisingly in the best shape overall) being repaired as needed and the rear ells being replaced with new construction that incorporated the reuse of older materials where possible and practical. The new construction included the installation of restroom facilities.

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Taylor Bray Farm – Archeology Project



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2011	Archaeology Exam 1	\$19,656	\$19,656	Completed
April 2012	Archaeology Exam 2	\$34,120	\$34,120	Completed
April 2013	Archaeology Exam 3	\$24,900	\$24,900	Completed
May 2015	Archaeology Exam 4	\$24,000	\$24,000	Completed
May 2016	Archaeology Exam 5	\$24,000	\$24,000	Completed
May 2017	Archaeology Exam 6	\$24,000	\$24,000	Completed
TOTAL		\$174,676	\$174,676	

Archaeological excavations at Taylor Bray Farm began in 2011 with an intensive survey and archeological report serving as a baseline. This was followed by five successive digs at various sites around the property including at the Richard Taylor Site, the presumed location of the original 1640's Richard Taylor farmhouse, the Donkey Barn Site, and the East Field Site, which are Native American sites consisting of a small concentration of burned rock and chips from making stone tools in one case and the potential remains of two Native American houses in the other. All excavations were carried out as a field school involving up to 20 non-professional volunteers enrolled in an educational outreach program.

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Taylor Bray Farm – Archeological Exhibit at Town Hall



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Taylor Bray Farm – Caretaker Cottage Rehabilitation



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2012	Cottage Rehab.	\$24,900	\$18,825	Completed
TOTAL		\$24,900	\$18,825	

103 Bray Farm Rd North, Yarmouth Port

The caretaker for Taylor Bray Farm maintains the farm and cares for the animals. The Caretaker Cottage is a small one-bedroom structure with small sheds that required new roofs, windows, and a storm door. These were accomplished with a Community Preservation Act grant in 2012.

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Historical Preservation

Taylor Bray Farm – Historic Barn Restoration Plan



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2019	Barn Restoration Plan.	\$50,000	0	Ongoing
TOTAL		\$50,000	0	

103 Bray Farm Rd North, Yarmouth Port

The historic barn at Taylor Bray Farm is the last of the major structures at Taylor Bray Farm to receive restoration. At the May 2019 Town Meeting, Yarmouth voters approved up to \$50,000 for a professional design and engineering assessment of the work needed to rehabilitate and restore the structure to ensure its long-term safe use. This assessment will lay out the needs and estimated costs of rehabilitation.

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Historical Preservation

Historical Society of Old Yarmouth

Captain Bangs Hallet House Museum - Rehabilitation Projects



11 Strawberry Ln, Yarmouth Port

Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2008	Heating System	\$45,200	\$45,200	Completed
April 2011	Windows and Shutters	\$80,972	\$80,972	Completed
April 2014	Roof	\$44,868	\$38,979	Completed
May 2016	Rear Wall	\$13,958	\$13,958	Completed
May 2017	Gutters	\$9,600	\$9,600	Completed
TOTAL		\$194,598	\$188,709	

The Historical Society of Old Yarmouth maintains and operates a number of historic properties in Yarmouth Port. The most prominent of the Society's properties is the Captain Bangs Hallet House Museum, the only fully furnished sea captain's home open to the public on Cape Cod. The house is open for extended periods each year. Community Preservation Act grants were approved by Town voters to rehabilitate much of the home, including the heating system, windows and shutters, roof and gutters, and the rear supporting wall.

Related Link: <http://www.hsoy.org/archives-collections-1-2-1/>

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Historical Preservation

Historical Society of Old Yarmouth

Gorham Cobbler Shop and Archive - Rehabilitation Projects



229 Rt 6A, Yarmouth Port

Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2006	Archival Storage System	\$18,927	\$18,927	Completed
April 2013	Additional Storage Unit	\$5,225	\$5,175	Completed
May 2015	Humidity and Temperature Controlled Vault	\$5,000	\$3,847	Completed
May 2019	Digital Scanner and Part-Time Labor	\$10,128	0	Ongoing
TOTAL		\$39,280	\$27,949	

The headquarters of the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth operates out of the Gorham Cobbler Shop where it acquires, catalogues, and maintains numerous historical records, photographs, maps, and memorabilia of Yarmouth's historical past. The society supports historical research, produces publications, and provides tours of the neighboring historical sites. Community Preservation Act grants provided funds for a modern archival system with climate control and a digital scanner.

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Historical Preservation

Historical Society of Old Yarmouth

Kelley Chapel and Hallet Blacksmith Shop - Roof Rehabilitation



Kelley Chapel

Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2017	Kelley Chapel Roof	\$13,840	\$13,080	Completed
May 2017	Blacksmith House Roof	\$6,840	\$5,820	Completed
TOTAL		\$20,680	\$18,900	

229 Rt 6A, Yarmouth Port



Blacksmith Shop

The Kelley Chapel and the Hallet Blacksmith Shop are among the historic properties owned and maintained by the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth, which also includes some fifty acres of walking trails. The non-denominational Kelley Chapel was built in 1873 by David Kelley, a prominent member of the Quaker community. It was used for bible classes, sewing bees, weddings, baptisms, and many other community activities. The Benjamin Hallet Blacksmith Shop is a historically accurate example of late 18th century old post and beam construction. Community Preservation Act grants were approved to restore ageing roofs.

Related Link: <http://www.hsoy.org/archives-collections-1-2-1/>

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Edward Gorey House – Roof and Climate Control



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2012	Roof Restoration and Climate Control System	\$36,800	\$36,800	Completed
TOTAL		\$36,800	\$36,800	

8 Strawberry Ln, Yarmouth Port



In 1979, Edward Gorey purchased the 200-year-old sea captain's home at 8 Strawberry Lane on the Yarmouth Port Common. After his death in 2000, the house became a private museum. It celebrates and preserves the life and works of the American author, illustrator, playwright, and set and costume designer. In honor of his legacy, the House also honors Gorey's passion and concern for animals, raising awareness about local and national animal welfare issues. As a dedicated commemoration to Gorey, the House strives to educate and inspire its visitors, offering a unique introduction to Edward Gorey, the artist and person. A Community Preservation Act grant was approved to restore the roof and to install a climate control system.

Related Link: <http://www.edwardgoreyhouse.org/>

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Historical Preservation

Winslow Crocker and Mary Thacher Houses – Roof Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2010	Winslow Crocker House Roof	\$23,257	\$23,257	Completed
May 2010	Thacher House Roof	\$23,258	\$23,258	Completed
TOTAL		\$46,515	\$46,515	



240 & 250 Rt 6A, Yarmouth Port

For a house built in the late eighteenth century on Cape Cod, the Winslow Crocker House is surprisingly elaborate, with rich paneling in every room. Miss Mary Thacher relocated the home to its present location in 1936 next to her house to display her collection of antiques. Miss Thatcher then remodeled the home and the result of her efforts is a colonial Cape Cod house with a twentieth-century flavor. Miss Thacher's impressive collection of furniture is a thorough survey of early American styles (Jacobean, William and Mary, Queen Anne, Chippendale) and is accented by colorful hooked rugs, ceramics, and pewter. Community Preservation Act grants were approved to rehabilitate the roofs to both buildings to ensure water tightness and to preserve the historic buildings.

Related Link: <https://www.historicnewengland.org/property/winslow-crocker-house/>

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Historical Preservation

Yarmouth New Church – Restoration Projects



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
Sept 2006	Roof Rehab.	\$161,500	\$161,500	Completed
May 2009	Rehab. of Walls and Stained Glass Windows	\$236,205	\$236,205	Completed
April 2014	Interior Rehab	\$188,000	\$188,000	Completed
May 2019	Exterior Rehab, Interior Climate Control	\$168,551	0	Ongoing
TOTAL		\$754,256	\$585,500	

266 Rt 6A, Yarmouth Port

Constructed in 1870, the Yarmouth New Church is one of the primary examples of American Gothic Architecture in Southeastern Massachusetts. With the Swedenborgian congregation having dwindled through the 1900s, a group of concerned citizens formed the Yarmouth New Church Preservation Foundation in 1998 to save the building and restore it as a non-religious cultural center. With the help of privately raised funds and a range of grants including Yarmouth Community Preservation Act funds, the Foundation has undertaken the complete repair and restoration of the exterior, including reconstruction of the bell tower, the cleaning and restoration of the original stained glass windows, and, in 2013, bringing water, restrooms, and a wheelchair ramp to the building for the first time since it was built.

Related Link: <http://www.yarmouthportcommon.org/>

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First Congregational Church - Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2010	Electrical System Upgrades	\$65,000	\$63,704	Completed
April 2012	Exterior Siding and Ramp	\$158,000	\$158,000	Completed
April 2013	Windows	\$105,376	\$105,376	Completed
TOTAL		\$328,376	\$327,080	

329 Rt 6A, Yarmouth Port

The First Congregational Church of Yarmouth was the first public meeting place in colonial Yarmouth. The building was rebuilt twice in the 1800s and moved to its current location on Rt 6A in 1870. Recent rehabilitation and restoration work under Community Preservation Act funding includes upgrades to the interior and exterior electrical systems, restoration of the siding, construction of a handicap-accessible ramp, and window replacements.

Related Link: <https://www.fccyarmouth.org/>

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Historical Preservation

Yarmouth Port Library - Window Replacements



Yarmouthport Library, 1996

Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2018	Window Replacements	\$94,016	\$83,894	Completed
TOTAL		\$94,016	\$83,894	

297 Rt 6A, Yarmouth Port

The Yarmouth Port Library has been in existence since 1866, serving the community as both a town library and now as a privately funded public library. The library hosts dozens of community programs each year. The building is on the National Register of Historic Places in Massachusetts. A Community Preservation Act grant was approved in May 2018 to replace aging windows to ensure water tightness and safety.

Related Link: <https://www.yarmouthportlibrary.org/>

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Historical Preservation

Yarmouth Libraries – Newspaper Digitization



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2018	Digitization of The Register and Barnstable Patriot Newspapers	\$78,024	\$75,835	Completed
TOTAL		\$78,024	\$75,835	

At the May 2018 annual Town Meeting, Yarmouth voters approved a Community Preservation Act grant for the Yarmouth Libraries to participate with libraries in the towns of Barnstable and Dennis to digitize and preserve The Register and Barnstable Patriot newspapers. These local newspapers date back to the colonial period on Cape Cod and provide a historical reference for historians, researchers, and educators. In Yarmouth, the effort was headquartered out of the South Yarmouth Library on Old Main Street.

Related Link:

<http://digital.olivesoftware.com/Olive/APA/Yarmouth/Default.aspx#panel=home>

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Cultural Center and Owl Club – Restoration Projects



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2006	Cultural Ctr Rehab	\$400,000	\$400,000	Completed
May 2010	Owl Club Rehab	\$400,000	\$400,000	Completed
April 2014	Shutters & Lamps	\$21,156	\$20,876	Completed
May 2015	Basement Rehab	\$100,000	\$100,000	Completed
May 2017	Dehumidifier	\$2,500	\$2,227	Completed
TOTAL		\$923,656	\$923,103	

301 Old Main St, South Yarmouth



Creation of the Cultural Center of Cape Cod and the Owl Club Art Education Wing began in 2000 with private fundraising and a series of Yarmouth Community Preservation Act grants that turned the former Bass River Savings Bank into a cultural center for art and music. Among the many initial renovation projects were significant roof repairs, removal of hazardous waste that included whole walls of decayed lead paint and asbestos ceiling tiles, and removal and replacement of a corroded heating and plumbing system. The interior was completely repainted in period color schemes, and a terrazzo floor featuring a compass rose was laid.

Related Link: <https://www.cultural-center.org/about-us/#our-history>

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South Yarmouth Methodist Church - Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2012	Foundation Repair	\$266,200	\$266,200	Completed
May 2015	Steeple, Bell Tower, and Roof Restoration	\$358,794	\$358,794	Completed
TOTAL		\$624,994	\$624,994	

318 Old Main St, South Yarmouth

Located in the historic Bass River area since the 1850s, the South Yarmouth Methodist Church has received two Community Preservation Act restoration grants for work to restore the foundation, steeple, bell tower, spire, electrical systems, and roof. Music from the bell tower is a signature experience for the area.

Google Maps: <https://www.google.com/maps/place/318+Old+Main+St,+South+Yarmouth,+MA+02664/@41.6664011,-70.188095,17z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x89fb397dc04eec75:0x42a24ed9ebc79157!8m2!3d41.6664011!4d-70.1859063>

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Amos Baker House - Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2017	House and Foundation Rehabilitation	\$340,113	\$340,113	Completed
TOTAL		\$340,113	\$340,113	

205 Old Main St, South Yarmouth

The Amos Baker House on the grounds of St. David's Episcopal Church on Old Main Street in Bass River traces its heritage to circa 1790. In the early 1800s and again in the 1950s, the home was used to house homeless and needy members of the community. After purchase by the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts in 1966, the building became a Mission House, serving the community as a drug rehabilitation and detoxification center and currently as an office and thrift shop. A Community Preservation Act grant in 2017 was provided for the historical preservation of the building that includes installing a foundation and repairing walls, floors, windows, and the roof.

Related Link: <https://capecod.wickedlocal.com/news/20180521/st-davids-mission-house-in-south-yarmouth-gets-major-update>

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Former John Simpkins School – Façade Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2008	Former John Simpkins School – Façade Restoration	\$98,000	\$38,625	Completed
TOTAL		\$98,000	\$38,625	

134 Old Main St, South Yarmouth

Built in 1931, the John Simpkins School served the Town’s youth for 70 years, retiring in 2006. A National Historic Register site, the building was conveyed by the Town for affordable housing for seniors. At the April 2008 annual Town meeting, Yarmouth voters approved a Community Preservation Act grant to restore the façade of the historic building. This was followed by \$3.4 million in grants from the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development and federal tax credits.

Related Link: <http://scgdevelopment.com/portfolio/simpkins-school/>

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Judah Baker Windmill - Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2010	Judah Baker Windmill Restoration	\$23,500	\$23,500	Completed
TOTAL		\$23,515	\$23,515	

90 River St, South Yarmouth



Originally built in 1791 at Grand Cove in North Dennis, the Judah Baker Windmill moved several times before reaching its current home in South Yarmouth. The Town of Yarmouth took over the windmill in 1953. The windmill was completely restored both in 1973 and 1999. The interior structure, the shake shingles, the cupola, the mast and the tail pole were all rebuilt, replaced and restored. The mill was authentically rebuilt and restored using hand-hewn lumber where possible. The interior has the original mechanical equipment that the wind powered and stones that ground the grain. Today the mill still contains the original mechanical equipment. Tours are available.

Related Links: <http://yarmouth.ma.us/1379/Judah-Baker-Windmill>

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Baxter Grist Mill - Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2013	Design & Engineering of Repairs to the Site	\$120,000	\$120,000	Completed
May 2017	Repairs to the Dam, Sluiceway, and Fish Ladder	\$1,100,000	\$43,968	Ongoing
TOTAL		\$1,220,000	\$163,968	

142 Rt 28, West Yarmouth

Located on Rt 28 in West Yarmouth near the Barnstable Town line and abutting Mill Pond, this historic site includes the historic Grist Mill Building, a dam, sluiceway, and a fish ladder. The mill was in the Baxter family from 1710-1860, before going into disrepair and disuse in the 1900s. Originally a waterwheel mill, it switched to a turbine mill in 1860. Improvements are being made under Community Preservation Act grants to sure up the dam, rebuild the fish ladder, and improve water flow.

Related Link: <https://www.tighebond.com/project/baxter-grist-mill-dam/>

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Historical Preservation

Historic Cemeteries - Restoration



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
May 2010	Gideon Gray Cemetery	\$5,539	\$1,250	Completed
April 2012	Ancient Cemetery	\$4,800	\$4,800	Completed
April 2014 & May 2015	Various Cemetery Fences	\$50,000	\$50,000	Completed
May 2014	Tombstone Rehabilitation	\$25,000	\$24,967	Completed
May 2015	Historic Cemetery Signage	\$10,000	0	Ongoing
May 2017	Indian Memorial Cairn	\$50,000	\$19,906	Ongoing
TOTAL		\$145,339	\$100,923	

At various Town Meetings from 2010 through 2017, voters approved Community Preservation Act grants involving various Town-owned cemeteries for historic preservation projects, including repairing fences, repairing and cleaning historic tombstones, landscaping, and historic signage. At a site on Indian Memorial Drive in South Yarmouth, improvements are being made to an Indian Memorial Cairn, a setting of boulders that marks a historic Indian gravesite.

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Historical Preservation

Town Historic Records - Preservation



Approved at Annual Town Meeting	Project Name	CPA Funds Appropriated	CPA Funds Expended	Status of Project
April 2008	Historic Property Records	\$308,000	\$307,200	Completed
May 2010	Historic Resource Survey of Historic Places	\$24,500	\$20,000	Completed
April 2011	Historic Town Clerk Records	\$140,778	\$134,536	Completed
April 2014	Historic Assessor Valuations	\$166,535	\$164,966	Completed
TOTAL		\$639,813	\$626,732	



Yarmouth's Town Hall houses property and other records (such as birth, marriage, and death certificates) dating to the incorporation of the Town in 1639. Many of these records were found only on paper and in books. Efforts began in the early 2000s, using Community Preservation Act grants, to microfiche or digitize these historical records to ensure permanent retention.

Related link: <http://www.yarmouth.ma.us/>