Application Summary Sheet

Application Number: 35.10-13

Name of Organization: Scituate Preservation Society

Type of Organization: Private Non Profit

Location: North Scituate

Project Timing:
- May/June 2014

Project Title: Scituate Preservation Society Museum Project – Creating a Museum Space

Project Synopsis: SPS needs to create a museum space in the second floor of our 1895 Grange building. Appropriate storage and display areas will allow us to conserve our collection of textiles and other artifacts and better share our collection with our community. The creation of a formal museum will also allow us to broaden our fundraising efforts to support the museum.

Complete an onsite review of the second floor of an 1895 Grange building
- Design a space within the above second floor that will serve as both a museum for the conservation, storage, and display of the SPS collection and a small meeting space.
- Determine the cost of executing the design for fundraising purposes

What is the Final Product Output for this Project:

Design plans, drawings, and cost analysis for the conversions of the Grange space to a museum/small meeting space.

Designated Support from Staff/Volunteers: Two Volunteers

Does this Project have Funding? None at this time.

How will this Project Benefit the Organization? The Scituate Preservation Society has a long term goal of creating a Scituate Museum within the Scituate Grange Building. The project is consistent with the first part of our mission statement, “The identification, acquisition, preservation, restoration and maintenance of historical, educational, and cultural objects within the Town of Scituate, Rhode Island.” SPS needs professional guidance in the development of a design to repurpose the second floor of an historic Grange building to a museum and meeting space. At present SPS has no space to display elements of its collection or storage areas which meet museum/conservation standards. The creation of a museum/meeting space will allow us to preserve and maintain our collection in an orderly manner. A small meeting space will allow us to resume presenting programs related to the history of the town of Scituate. Professional design plans for a museum/small meeting space would allow SPS to apply for grants to execute the design plans. Many competitive grant programs require the submission of professionally created plans and budgets. The creation of a museum and small meeting space will allow SPS to provide community groups such as historical societies, libraries, and schools as well as individuals with an interest in the history of Scituate with greatly improved access to the SPS collection for research or other purposes. The small group meeting would be available to community groups to use as a function space.
Why are you Seeking the CPC’s Help? The SPS operating budget is largely consumed by annual expenses leaving little funds for special projects. The design expertise which could be provided by RWU is something which SPS could not afford to fund.

Project Type/Discipline: Architecture

Past CPC Participant?: No

Potential RWU Involvement: SAAHP