**TOWN OF LEVERETT HISTORIC PRESERVATION CPA SPENDING 2005-22 - $719,411** (20% of $3,517,449.00 total CPA funds Leverett has accumulated over those years)

CATEGORIES:

Town-owned buildings rehabilitation - $312,909.00

Sawmill restoration - $115,000.00

Preservation planning, historic district designations, education, programming - $102,431.00

Cemetery fencing, gravestone repair & conservation - $97,325.00

Leverett Crafts & Arts (Beaman/Marvell Box Shop) planning and rehabilitation - $72,120.00

Moore’s Corner Schoolhouse rehabilitation - $6,126.00

**Historical Commission monitors annually those Historic Preservation projects which have Preservation Restrictions mandated when receiving CPA funds**:

Town-owned bldgs. do not have HPR’s since the town cannot hold a restriction on itself. MHC says the HC could ask the town to sign an MOU saying they would adhere to certain maintenance standards.

Monitored annually:

1. North Leverett Sawmill
2. Leverett Crafts & Arts
3. Moores’ Corner Schoolhouse
4. Town Garage & Town Hall, even though they do not have HPR’s; in 2023 the Field Library & Museum was visited as well, though there is not a HPR on it either since it is town-owned.
5. Tomb on Rattlesnake Gutter (state registry of historic places, not CPA funded)

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Though the cemeteries are at high risk of reoccurring damage year to year, because there are not HPR’s, they are not visited regularly. We feel they should be. With nearly $100,000. of the town’s money invested in conservation of cemeteries, we should be monitoring that investment.

**HC’s recommendation to the Community Preservation Commission is that no future historic preservation monies should be approved for rehabilitation projects on historic structures without a reasonable maintenance plan for future upkeep with evidence of revenue to fund such a plan.**