

RECEIVING TOMB & VAULTS

Applicant: Canton Historical Commission



Project Description:

The Canton Corner Cemetery is a major contributing element in the Canton Corner Historic District and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (2009). In May of 2015, Town Meeting approved CPA-funding for the development of design plans for restoring the large receiving tomb and adjacent vaults and for stabilizing grave sites on a nearby knoll in the Canton Corner Cemetery. Detailed design plans and cost estimates were provided by Structures North in the Fall of 2015, and the Canton Historical Commission is seeking additional CPA funding to undertake a portion of the work set forth in those plans. The recommended funding of \$160,000 would be used to restore and preserve the Receiving Tomb which dates back to 1882 as well as the three tomb vaults which date back even further to 1837. In their current condition, the tomb and vaults pose a significant public safety hazard. The proposed project will ensure that these landmarks within one of the oldest sections of the cemetery will persist to be studied and enjoyed by future generations.