

## Awarded Project Summaries



### **Bellows Falls, Miss Bellows Falls Diner, \$15,000**

The Worcester Lunch Car Company manufactured the Miss Bellows Falls Diner in 1941. First installed in Lowell, MA, it was relocated to Bellows Falls in 1944 and remained in continuous operation until 2020. The non-profit Rockingham for Progress (RFP) purchased the property in 2023 with the aim of reopening the local landmark. They were awarded state grant funding to support the replacement of the diner's deteriorated roof with new flat-seamed metal panels in keeping with the original design.



### **Bennington, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, \$20,000**

The gothic revival St. Peter's Episcopal Church was designed by noted Bennington architect William C. Bull with blue-grey dolomite from Pownal and was consecrated in 1909. The church is still active with the Parish Hall and kitchen regularly used for various activities, including a weekly "Community Café" which provides free meals and social services. The church will receive grant funding to support the restoration of its south-facing stained-glass window.



### **Brandon, Brandon Congregational Church, \$20,000**

The Brandon Congregational Church, incorporated in 1785, was built in 1832. The church is a public place of worship conducting Sunday services, funerals, weddings, baptisms, a yearly community remembrance service and prayer vigil, and providing space for a variety of community events. The church was awarded matching grant funds to make repairs to its steeple, including the town clock.



### **Brookfield, Marvin Newton House, \$3,450**

The Newton House was built c. 1835 by Marvin Newton, a farmer and blacksmith. It remained in the family until 1937 when a descendant conveyed the house to the Brookfield Historical Society. Since then, the building has served as a museum and headquarters of the Brookfield Historical Society. The Historical Society will use a modest matching grant to replace the small addition's roof with new metal roofing.



### **Corinth, Corinth Town Hall, \$20,000**

Built as a store by B.B. Scribner c. 1912, the Town Hall was later purchased by George Hastings. It became the Cookeville Graded School in 1947 and served this purpose until 1971 when the town converted the building into the Town Hall and offices in 1972. The town will use a matching grant award to restore the Town Hall's south wall. This includes removing non-historic existing vinyl siding and restoring wood clapboards and trim.

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### **Dummerston, Naulakha, \$20,000**

Naulakha was built in 1892 for renowned author Rudyard Kipling. The unusual, ship-like Shingle Style house was designed by architect Henry Rutgers Marshall in close collaboration with Kipling. In 1993, the estate was acquired by Landmark Trust USA (LTUSA) who now maintain the property through their vacation rental program. Annual tour days provide additional access to 500+ people. LTUSA will use a matching grant to replace the deteriorated 30-year-old cedar shingle roof of the main house with new western cedar shakes, along with funding through Save America's Treasures program.



### **Fairfax, United Church of Fairfax, \$10,750**

The United Church of Fairfax was first constructed in 1838 as the Methodist Episcopal Church. It became the United Church of Fairfax when it merged with the Fairfax First Baptist Church in 1939. The building continues to serve as an active church and houses the local food shelf, a vital resource for town. Matching grant funds will support exterior masonry repairs.



### **Franklin, Green/Samson/Luce House, \$20,000**

An impressive structure, the Green/Samson/Luce manse was built by a prosperous merchant c. 1850. The town recently acquired the property with plans to convert the first floor into town offices. Large public rooms will create spacious office areas, a conference room, and research space. The town received grant funds to support the rehabilitation of the building's substantial Colonial Revival porch to serve as an informal community gathering place.



### **Georgia, Brick School House, \$11,600**

Georgia's Italianate Brick School House was constructed in 1891 for grades 1 through 8. It served as a school until 1959 when the current Central Elementary School opened. In 1973 the building was sold to a local resident who donated the building back to the town. Today, it is used by the Georgia Historical Society to display local artifacts and as a site for educational presentations and tours. The historical society will use a matching grant to begin addressing serious masonry deterioration at the building's exterior.



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### **Granville, District #10 School, The Corner School, \$10,075**

Opened in 1871 at the height of Granville's population, the Corner School was the last of ten multi-grade rural schoolhouses to be constructed and opened in town. It closed in 1951 and was repurposed as the town's library until 1990. In 2012 the Corner School Resource Center of Granville (CSRC) acquired the building, which now hosts summer workshops, a children's day camp, art shows, etc. CSRC was awarded matching grant funds to replace the building's metal roof.



### **Manchester, Manchester Village Schoolhouse, \$20,000**

In 1877 Manchester's original schoolhouse was destroyed by fire, and the current structure was erected. It served as a school until 1950. The Manchester Music Festival (MMF) purchased the building in 2001 and uses it for administrative offices, a board meeting room and, during the summer, as shared dorm rooms and rehearsal space for students who are participating in their prestigious Young Artists program. MMF will use matching grant funding to restore the former school's distinctive cupola.



### **Newark, Newark Street Union Meeting House, \$16,482**

The Newark Street Union Meeting House (NSMH) was organized in 1861 to have a 'convenient place in town to meet for social worship on Sabbaths and other days of importance of uniting together.' Originally it was shared by three different religious denominations. The NSMH plans to expand the use of the building for town functions and other community interests. They were awarded a matching grant to complete window restoration of the building's eight 16/16 double hung windows.



### **Norwich, Upper Valley Community Grange Hall, \$20,000**

Originally a harness shop, in 1916, University Grange #335 acquired this historic building and used it for over a century. In 2023, the Grange's successor conveyed the building to the Norwich Community Collaborative Inc. (NCC). They plan to convert this underutilized space into a revitalized community center providing services to senior citizens, and space for after-school and summer childcare, community meals, and programming. NCC will use grant funding to repair the building's historic wood windows.

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### **Peacham, East Peacham Schoolhouse, \$19,462**

The East Peacham Schoolhouse was owned and operated as a one-room community school from 1858 to 1969. After it closed, the school was privately owned until 2008 when it was donated to Peacham Historical Association. In 2018, East Peacham Schoolhouse, Inc. purchased the property with the goal of rescuing, rehabilitating, and making the building available to the community. Grant funds will be directed towards replacing the former schoolhouse's failing roof.



### **Putney, Putney Town Hall, \$20,000**

The 1871 Putney Town Hall is a key resource in the Putney Village Historic District. The Italianate style building was built as a town hall with a second-floor auditorium and stage and has always been owned by the town. The first floor has served many functions over time including town offices, Baptist church, U.S. Post Office, public school classrooms, town library, and historical society. The town will now use matching grant funds to restore the building's historic windows.



### **Rutland, Unitarian Universalist Church of Rutland, \$20,000**

Built for St. Paul's Universalist Parish in 1890, this church has been in continuous use as a house of worship since its construction. Designed by Vermont native Eldridge Boynton, it is the only example of High Victorian Gothic architecture in Rutland. In addition to religious services the church provides space for a senior citizens center, a winter farmers market, meetings, and since 2003, a daycare. Grant funds will be used to help restore the building's stained-glass windows.



### **St. Albans, First Congregational Church of St. Albans, \$20,000**

This is the third building on this site built for the First Congregational Church of St. Albans which was formed in 1803. Located east of Taylor Park, the church is often used for music events/concerts and as a rain site for events in the park. Having received multiple state grants in the past, the church will use additional grant funding to complete phase two of masonry restoration as part of their "Save the Clock Tower" campaign.



### **St. Albans, St. Albans Free Library, \$20,000**

The St. Albans Free Library was constructed in 1902 by the W. B. Fonda Company with funds provided by a bequest from Vermont Gov. John Gregory Smith. Continuously serving as a library since then, this Romanesque Revival style structure provides access to diverse programs as well as educational and recreational materials. In 2023 the library attracted 48,104 visitors. A matching grant will help them address serious masonry repairs focused on the failing west gable.



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### **Townshend, Townshend Town Hall, \$6,473**

The Townshend Town Hall was designed by architect M.R. Drew of Greenfield, MA and replaced an earlier town hall which burned to the ground in the “Great Fire of 1918.” Today the Town Hall houses town offices including the clerk, listers, treasurer, and selectboard, provides public meeting space, and is available to rent. The town received a modest matching grant to make repairs to the building’s original slate roof.



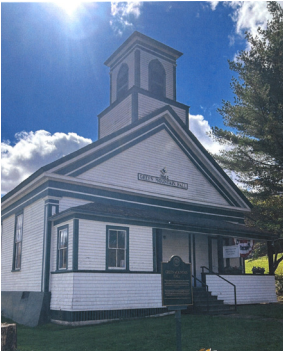
### **Westford, Browns River Covered Bridge, \$20,000**

On November 22, 1836, Westford voters resolved to build “... a single arch bridge where the old one stands near Halbert’s Store ...” The covered bridge was originally part of the Vermont Market Road and was used for vehicle traffic until 1965. The Westford Historical Society (WHS) formed in 1975 and led the effort to save and complete preservation work on the bridge. Now, a matching grant will allow the town to tackle structural deterioration where the bridge sits on its abutments.



### **Weston, Weston Village Schoolhouse, \$12,890**

The Weston Village Schoolhouse was built in 1861 in the Italianate style. Over the years it evolved to house multiple grade levels and finally, in 1976, the home of Weston’s early childhood programs. Today, the Little School serves children ages 2-5 from Weston and surrounding towns including Chester, Andover, Ludlow, Cavendish, Peru, Landgrove and Londonderry. A matching grant will support a window restoration project focused on the front façade windows facing Lawrence Hill Road.



### **Whitingham, Green Mountain Hall/Universalist Church, \$11,025**

This simple Greek Revival style structure, built c. 1860, was originally a Universalist Church. In 1892 the building was transferred to the Green Mountain Club, the likely source of its popular name “Green Mountain Hall.” In 1905 the Town of Whitingham acquired the building and in 1971 the Whitingham Historical Society began leasing the building for a museum. Matching grant funding will support work to complete several projects, including slate roof repairs, rehabilitation of the bell tower/cupola as well as a new porch roof.