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Nancy Grissom, Chair
Community Preservation Committee
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Dear Nancy,

We are grateful that the CPC funded the preservation of the exterior of the Jackson Homestead last year. This work included: a new roof; repair of rotted sills, doors and bulkhead; new flashing at chimneys; some new gutters and downspouts; painting of the entire structure and other work to insure that the homestead will be in good condition over the next several decades. I have been told there is approximately \$29,000 left in the budget from this project.

There were, however, a few items that the contractor did not tackle which might be addressed by using the remaining funds:

- 1) We need to affix a gutter to the back of the ell on the homestead. At present, the rain falls off the roof and onto the back stairs causing the wood to rot. We would like to preserve the repairs to the stairs by adding a copper lined gutter and downspout above them. Public Buildings estimates this would cost \$7,500.
- 2) The contractor removed the shutter dogs from the exterior of the building and forgot about them in his van. We had tried to replace them but have had a hard time finding ones which approximated the originals. These originals have now been returned but need rust removal, painting and reinstallation. Public Buildings estimates it will cost less than \$500 to restore the shutter dogs.
- 3) The Inspectional Services Department has mandated that we need to move our electrical panels from the emergency egress in order for us to make full programmatic use of this space. This project will cost no more than \$20,000.

Therefore, we are asking the CPC to approve the use of these residual funds for these four projects that will contribute to the continued preservation of the Jackson Homestead. We appreciate your continuing support.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cynthia Stone".

Cynthia Stone
Director