

26 Wynnfield Cir.
Southwick, MA 01077

9-5-2022

Community Preservation Committee
Town Hall
454 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I would like to express my support for the recent application for the funding of the repairs to the steeple of the Southwick Congregational Church.

The church was built in 1824 and is one of the most historic sites in Southwick. The church and its steeple are a major focal point of the center of Southwick.

I feel that the use of CPA funds for this project is quite justifiable.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my support.

Sincerely,


James M. Parent Jr.

Southwick Community Preservation Committee

Town Hall

454 College Highway

Southwick, MA 01077

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

As long time members of the Southwick Congregational Church as well as residents of Southwick we are pleased to support the application for funding "Restoration of Historic Steeple and Belfry at Southwick Congregational Church," as described in the application submitted in August. The church is among the oldest and most well-recognized public structures in our town. Together with our Veterans Memorial, Old Public Library, the Southwick Inn and the Country Colonial store, it gives our downtown its distinctive charm that we all love. The need and justification for this unique historical project is well supported by the application and accompanying photos.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this vital project.

Sincerely,

Melissa and Dennis Day 9-5-2022

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Southwick Community Preservation Committee
454 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077

August 24, 2022

To whom it may concern,

The Congregational Church is such a significant part of this communities history.

Oh, the stories it could tell , we wish.

Issac Damon , architect , was famous for this and many other noted structures in New England.

The Church is what you see when you go on line and look for Southwick.

It is used as a reference by people when giving directions and was where many

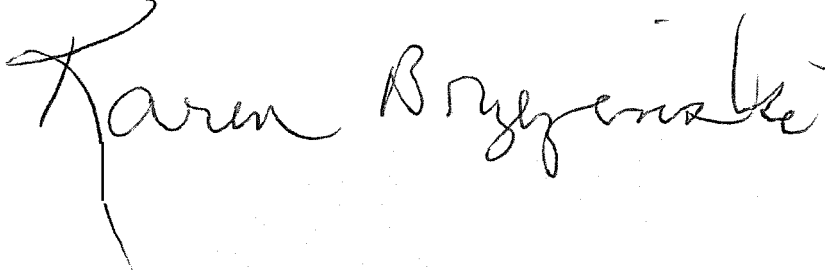
from the area were Baptized , Married , and Eulogized .

The building has stood for over 200 years as the foundation of the community.

This beautiful church is a tribute to the tenacity of our founding Fathers who went before us with hard work and faith.

As a former member of the Historical Commission ,I believe this would be money well spent by the CPC

Karen Brzezinski

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Brzezinski". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

August 18, 2022

Community Preservation Committee
Southwick, MA

Re: In Support of Preservation of the Historic Southwick Congregational Church

Dear CPC Members,

The Southwick Congregational Church is an historic building in need of preservation. From our town website to visuals concerning our town as a bucolic community, the Congregational Church has always been highlighted. One of the first things I saw when considering moving here from CA in 2007, was the beautiful, welcoming church with its New England steeple and the town green and war memorial. It has paid an important historic part in Southwick meeting the eligibility of becoming a town unto itself.

As a former member of CPC and my familiarity of the criteria, I firmly believe this is a very worthy project for CPC funds. I also feel that the church is dear to the town residents and will pass the town vote handily. When asked "For whom the bell tolls, it tolls for us, the residents of Southwick."

With respect, I am stating my support in the funding of this project.

Sincerely,

Deb Herath, 3 Shore Road

3 South Village
Southwick, MA 01077
September 4, 2022

Southwick Community Preservation Committee
Town Hall
454 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077

Dear Committee Members:

Southwick is a wonderful place to live. My husband and I raised our children at 26 College Hwy.. They went through the Southwick School System, and I taught sixth grade at Powder Mill. The Rec Center, Congomond, and Southwick Congregational Church were part of our lives.

Now that venerable and beautiful structure on the town green needs preservation work done on the steeple, and the church requests your help for such a project. My letter asks: "Please help." May this landmark see many more years of town-centered gatherings. Thank you for "listening."

Very Sincerely,
Jane Thompson

Southwick Community Preservation Committee
Town Hall
454 College Highway
Southwick, MA 01077

Dear Members of the Community Preservation Committee:

I am pleased to support the application for funding "Restoration of Historic Steeple and Belfry at Southwick Congregational Church," as described in the application submitted in August. The Southwick Congregational Church (SCC) is among the oldest and most well-recognized public structures in our Town. Together with our Veterans Memorial, Old Public Library, the Southwick Inn and the Country Colonial store, it gives our downtown its distinctive charm that we all love. The need and justification for this unique historical project is well supported by the application and accompanying photos.

As the chair of the SCC Buildings and Grounds Committee, I would like to offer a few additional pictures. These pictures highlight the architectural beauty of the exterior and the rugged timber frame craftsmanship of this 200 year old building.

Timber frame. Timber framing was generally done with lumber from the surrounding land. The logs were hand-hewn to create a flat face and edges. Timbers were assembled using wood joinery such as mortise and tenon joints, wood pegs and notching. Generally, no nails were used in the structural frame. The structural framing was then covered with wood siding.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this vital project.

Sincerely,

Eric H. Nitsch



