

Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) Grant Application from Halifax Cemetery Commission

DATE OF APPLICATION Oct. 17, 2023 ANTICIPATED COST OF PROJECT \$5,500
NAME OF TOWN Halifax NAME OF CEMETERY Hatch
NUMBER OF STONES TO BE REPAIRED/RESET/OTHER protect: 40
INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP REQUESTING THE GRANT Halifax Cemetery Commission
SIGNATURE OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDS Patty Dow, Town Clerk & Treasurer
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BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF WORK TO BE DONE Tree removal from some of Halifax's 22 cemeteries is a focus of our recent rehabilitation efforts. We have cleared 32 mature trees out of Whitneyville Cemetery using Cemetery Commission funds (\$15,000). The next cemetery needing tree removal is Hatch Cemetery, a 1/4-acre cemetery still in active use. These trees require a lift to safely remove the trees, as the cemetery is small and surrounded by forest. We have obtained estimates for the proposed work (see attached estimate). We have already used volunteers to clean all 50 stones in the cemetery, and we have straightened and reset all leaning stones. While doing that, we uncovered a completely buried stone (58" x 24") in excellent condition which we reset with its footstone. There are 9 trees within and bordering the cemetery that threaten gravestones (see attached photo). Tree diameters are 8-9" (2), 12" (1), 15-16" (3), 21-22" (3). Funds in the amount of \$1000 are requested to pay for the removal of trees; Halifax Cemetery Commission will supply the monetary match of one dollar from town cemetery commission funds for every two dollars that VOCA pays (\$500). The commissioners have received a donation from an abutting property owner to fund the balance (\$4000). The abutter owning the large trees in and on the wall has given permission to remove them. A third abutter has given permission to leave tree trunks on their land.

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL OVERSEEING THE PROJECT Gary Rand (Commissioner)
NAME OF PERSON/PERSONS AND/OR BUSINESS COMPLETING THE PROJECT WORK Linda Swanson, Laurel Copeland (Commissioners), and Mayotte's Tree Service
IS THE TOWN GOVERNMENT AWARE OF THIS PROJECT? Yes No DOES IT APPROVE? Yes No
IF NO, WHY

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT INDICATING PROJECT COMPLETION DATE

DATE OF PROJECT COMPLETION ACTUAL COST OF PROJECT

VOCA USE ONLY: SIGNATURE OF VOCA GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR APPROVING GRANT:

DATE

AMOUNT BEFORE PICTURES RECEIVED Yes No

DATE OF COMPLETION ACTUAL COST OF PROJECT

SIGNATURE OF VOCA GRANTS ADMINISTRATOR APPROVING PAYMENT

DATE AMOUNT AFTER PICTURES RECEIVED Yes No

SIGNATURE OF VOCA TREASURER DATE

CHECK NUMBER DATE

