

## Halifax Community Club ARPA Funds Report and Funding Request for 2024

In FYE2024, the Halifax Selectboard awarded \$15,000 to the Halifax Community Club (HCC) for improvements to the Halifax Community Hall. These were organized into projects addressing deficiencies in the water system, electrical system, kitchen shelving and appearance, flooring, storage, and refrigerators of the circa 1844 Hall.

The electrical system was upgraded to accommodate switching to generator power during an outage. This work was completed in April for \$1627.

The water system was upgraded to allow use of tap water for drinking and cooking, where formerly we have been hauling water in using plastic jugs. The water system upgrade was completed in May for \$3200.

A plan was developed to replace the worn flooring in the additions to the Hall (kitchen, bathrooms). As part of this project, cleaning, repainting (\$1182), and replacing the kitchen shelving (\$780) was completed in early through mid-August relying primarily on donated labor and one professional painter.

The flooring in the kitchen, scullery, and bathroom additions to the Hall was completed in late August for \$4881.

The two refrigerators were an older unit in the kitchen and a hazardous unit in the shed. The shed refrigerator was hazardous because a child who climbed inside it would be unable to get out. The Refrigerator Safety Act of 1956 implemented in 1958 outlawed these units. Therefore we bought a new refrigerator for the kitchen (\$769), moved the kitchen refrigerator out to the shed, and had the dangerous unit hauled away by the refrigerator delivery team.

Because the shed itself was quite old and rather small, a new, larger shed was purchased for \$3982. Volunteers donated the gravel base and its leveling. The new shed was installed in October, painted by volunteers using donated paint, and wired using donated services in November.

The above expenditures exceeded \$15,000; \$1421 of the excess was paid out of existing HCC funds while the rest was donated by members.

All receipts and details are available on request.

The Halifax Community Club is very grateful for the town's support over the years including the current one. In light of the generous ARPA award received this calendar year and the ongoing financial pressures on town taxpayers, the Halifax Community Club forgoes asking for town monies for FYE2026.