



To: Town of Amherst CPA Committee
From: Bruce Coldham FAIA, President of NACF
Date: September 2021
Subject: Supplement to CPAC Proposal Request Form for FY 2023

Project Budget

We are requesting \$25,000 in CPA funding toward the total estimated cost of \$95,000. The CPA funding will be directed to providing the trade professional carpentry assistance for the challenging deconstruction/reclamation of the timber frame structure.

a. **Funding requested from CPA:**

We are asking the CPA Committee to approve \$25,000

b. **Other sources of funding e.g. grants, self-funding, fundraising:**

There are **three** confirmed sources of additional funding that would more than match the amount requested from the CPA funds. These are as follows:

i. **Local Area Fundraising by NACF —**

Fund raising target: **\$30,000**

Designated purpose for the funding: To provide all construction materials for the pavilion other than the (salvaged) structural timbers. This will primarily be a durable floor decking materials and metal roofing panels.

NACF will also provide skilled professional services for architectural design and construction documentation through the committed pro-bono effort of Bruce Coldham FAIA .

Status of funding: Commitment made; NACF will hold a fundraising event in September of 2023. (NOTE: NACF held five fundraisers in Junes of 2014/15/16/18/19 at the Pioneer Valley Cohousing Community common house and raised between \$30K and \$50K at each).

ii. **NACF Farm Community Volunteer labor**

Volunteer labor target: 1,500 hours (with an average value of \$20 per hour) — **\$30,000**

Designated purpose for the volunteer labor: In Stage One the volunteer squad will provide un-skilled and semi-skilled work— clean out the barn interior; selective demolition and dismantling — specifically the removal of the barn siding boards; sorting and cleaning of the salvaged structural timbers. In Stage Two the volunteer squad will execute the bulk of the timber framing carpentry work under the tutelage and supervision of timber framing professionals.

Status of “funding”: Commitment made; NACF is in process of developing a reliable

squad of "weekend workers" We have the experience of the enormously successful renovation of the farmhouse to build on; that project garnered over 3,000 hours of semi-skilled volunteer labor over a period of 9 months. By the time we are ready to do the most challenging work on the (Stage 2) we expect to have an accomplished squad of volunteer workers.

iii. **Simple Gifts Farm LLC**

Amount to be provided: **\$10,000** (in labor, services, and equipment)

Designated purpose for the funding: Spreading and compacting exterior gravel/stone; seeding; installing landscape plantings — over the barn footprint once the building is removed.

David Tepfer (SGF) has also committed to providing skilled and experienced presence during all stages of the deconstruction, material salvage, and the pavilion timber framing raising (where SGF tractors will be employed).

Status of funding: Commitment made; SGF made a similar contribution to the farmhouse project so we have confidence that this will be replicated.