

February 5, 2014

Community Preservation Committee
Middleborough Town Hall Annex
20 Center Street
Middleborough, Mass. 02346

RE: Community Preservation Act – Application for Funding

Dear Committee Members:

I have attached the required nine (9) copies of the Green School Preservation Committee's application for funding. Please be advised that there are four letters of support that have not been included; the application will be supplemented with these letters when they are received.

Please contact me at (774) 766-1188 or via email at dstewart84@gmail.com if you have any questions or need any additional documents or information.

Very truly yours,



Diane C. Stewart
Member, Green School Preservation Committee

STEP 2

**Town of Middleborough
Community Preservation Committee
Application for Community Preservation Funding**

A. COVER SHEET

1. PROJECT NAME: **Green School Preservation Project**

2. APPLICANT INFORMATION

Project Sponsor or Organization: **Green School Preservation Committee**

Contact Person: **Diane C. Stewart, Committee Member**

Address: **13 Carmen Park Drive**

City: State: Zip: **Middleboro, MA 02346**

Daytime Phone: Fax: P: **(774) 766-1188** F: **(508) 947-1744**

E-mail: Website: **dstewart84@gmail.com**

Property Owner (if different from Applicant) **Town of Middleborough/School Dept.**

Contact Name: **Board of Selectmen, Town of Middleborough**

Address: **10 Nickerson Avenue**

City: State: Zip: **Middleboro, MA 02346**

E-mail: **selectmen2013Q1web@middleborough.com**

3. PROJECT INFORMATION

CPA Category (Please check all that apply):

Open Space # of acres _____

Historic Preservation

Recreation # of acres _____

Affordable Housing # of units _____

Project Location/Address: **251 East Main Street, Middleboro, MA**

Middleborough Assessors Map: **42** Block: _____ Lot: **4814 & 4844**

Brief Project Description: **To restore the historic Green School building**

4. AMOUNT OF CPA FUNDING REQUESTED: **\$77,184.00**

TOTAL PROJECT COST: **\$162,804.43**

CPA AS PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL PROJECT COST: **47%***

***This does not include the assessed value of the building, which brings CPA funding to 26%**

For CPC Use

Date Received _____

Funding Recommendation _____

Date Application Deemed Complete _____

Public Hearing _____

B. PROJECT NARRATIVE – SEE ATTACHMENT “A”

To assist the CPC in reviewing your application in a fair, equitable, and efficient manner, please provide a thorough project description, addressing each of the following points in the order indicated. Use separate sheets as needed and number each point to correspond with the section headings below.

1. **Goals and Description:** Provide a detailed project description, including but not limited to:
 - a. Project goals;
 - b. Description of project activities and outcomes and the property involved and its proposed use;
 - c. Indication of how the project is eligible for CPA funding;
 - d. Description of the project applicant and any project partners.
2. **Community Need:** Indicate what community need(s) the project will address and how these are consistent with Town policy and plans. Refer specifically to the Community Preservation Plan, existing Town plans, and/or other publicly vetted priority-setting planning documents. Describe the ways that the project will benefit the Town.
3. **Community Support and Outreach:** Describe the nature and level of support for this project. Show how the project will foster long-term stewardship and generate a community ethic through citizen involvement. Provide information on the methods that will be used to disseminate information on the project and how it will endeavor to encourage and/or serve as a model for other local projects. Submit at least 3 letters, petitions, or other documentations of support.
4. **Credentials:** Identify the members of the project team and their roles, qualifications, and technical expertise. Explain how the project applicant and any partners are qualified to conduct the scope and scale of the proposed project and indicate prior experience with similar projects. Identify the professional standards that will be followed if construction, restoration, or rehabilitation is proposed. Note that historic preservation proposals must include the services of a qualified credentialed preservation professional to oversee all preservation and restoration activity and ensure compliance with Massachusetts Historic Commission standards.
5. **Maintenance and Ongoing Costs:** If ongoing maintenance or other ongoing costs are required for the project, indicate how it will be funded. If no costs are anticipated, the application should include this information
6. **Success Factors:** Describe how the project’s success will be measured. Indicate the specific method(s) that will be used to evaluate each project outcome. Identify any significant barriers to complete the projected outcomes and specify how these would be addressed.
7. **Project Permits & Approvals:** Provide documentation as required:
 - a. Control of Site: Provide documentation that the applicant has control over the site, such as a Purchase and Sales Agreement, option, or deed. If the applicant does not have site control, explain how public benefits will be protected in perpetuity. If the applicant is not, or will not be, the owner of record, submit a certification of project approval by the owner.
 - b. Deed Restrictions: Identify the present owner and attach a copy of the deed up to present owner. In addition, identify the entity that will be holding rights to enforce the restriction. In order for a project’s funding to be distributed fully, an applicant must have filed with the CPC a copy of the appropriate deed restriction

- c. **Hazardous Materials:** Provide evidence that the proposed project site is free of known hazardous materials, or if there are known hazardous materials please indicate the proposed plan for remediation. 3
- d. **Environmental Concerns:** Identify all known wetlands, floodplains, and/or any natural resource limitation that occur within the project boundaries.
- e. **Evidence of Historic Significance [for historic preservation projects]:** An applicant must provide evidence that the historic resource is listed or eligible for listing on the Massachusetts State Register of Historic Places or obtain a letter from the Middleborough Historic Commission ["MHC"] that the historic resource is locally significant. The applicant must also obtain a letter from the MHC indicating the MHC has reviewed and endorsed the proposal. The applicant should submit a draft project proposal to the MHC in order to be reviewed at a monthly MHC meeting prior to submission to CPC.
- f. **Permitting:** Indicate any further actions that will be required to complete the project, such as environmental assessments, zoning or other approvals, agreement on terms of any required conservation, affordability, or historic preservation restrictions, and any other known barriers to moving forward. Present evidence that the project does not violate any zoning ordinances, covenants, restrictions, or other laws or regulations and that the project will expeditiously meet environmental and other permitting requirements, so that on-the-ground activities will begin within the first 12 months after the project's start date. Evidence of consultation with the Conservation Commission, DPW, Park Dept., Planning Board, Historical Commission, Select Board, etc. where applicable, is strongly recommended.

List below any permits needed for the project. Provide copies of permits already acquired. (Applicants are responsible for all costs associated with permitting, including, but not limited to abutter mailings and advertising.)

Name of Permit	Filed (Y/N)	Date Filed	Date Obtained

C. PROJECT BUDGET, FUNDING, & TIMELINE – SEE ATTACHMENT “B”

- Project Budget:** State the total budget for this project, and how CPA funds will be spent. **Applicants are reminded that they must adhere to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’s Procurement Policy.** All non government applicants should review the draft Grant Agreement to ensure that all potential project costs are eligible for CPA funding, e.g. CPA funds may not be used for maintenance.

Provide a detailed itemization of all project expenses, such as personnel, consultants, contracted services, equipment, and supplies. For each item, specify in parentheses how the expense was calculated, e.g. (# of hrs. x cost/hr.) Applicants should obtain quotes for project costs when possible; if not, indicate where cost estimates have been used. For each item, identify whether CPA funds or other funding will be used, and note where applicant and/or partner in-kind contributions will cover non-CPA fundable expenses such as administration.

Use table below or include as a separate attachment.

Expense Item	Total	CPA	Other

TOTAL	_____		

- Other Funding:** Describe efforts to secure other funding. Indicate what additional funding sources are available, committed or pending. Include commitment letters, if available. Complete the table below and include applicant and/or partner in-kind contributions.

Source of other funds	Amount	Funding requested (Y/N)	Funding secured (Y/N)

3. Total Project Funding:

If the proposal is part of a multi-phase project, please indicate below the projected project costs and funding sources for the additional phases to completion.

Fiscal Year	Total Project Cost	CPA Funds to be Requested	Other Funding
2013	_____	_____	_____
2014	_____	_____	_____
2015	_____	_____	_____
2016	_____	_____	_____
TOTAL	_____	_____	_____

4. Timeline and Grant Disbursement Schedule: Provide a detailed schedule for project implementation, including all activities and key milestones. Indicate the total funding as well as CPA and other funding that will be required to complete each activity or milestone.

Project start date: _____

Use table below or include as a separate attachment.

Activity	Date Completed	Total Funding	CPA	Other
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

D. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS & APPLICANT CERTIFICATION – SEE ATTACHMENT “C”

1. Supporting Documents: Check off all attachments included:

A. Minimum Submission Requirements

All Projects

- Support letters [three or more]
- Names and addresses of project architects, contractors, and/or consultants
- For projects on Town property: Letter of approval from Town Manager and/or appropriate department head
- Non-CPA funding commitment letters

Historic Preservation Projects

For Historic Preservation Projects:

- Evidence property/site is on State Register of Historic Places or is eligible for the State Register, OR
- Middleborough Historic Commission (MHC) letter of certification of significant historical, archeological, architectural, and/or cultural value.
- Letter from the MHC indicating the project proposal has been reviewed and endorsed by the MHC.

Projects that include acquisition and/or rehabilitation of land, buildings, and other real property

- Evidence of Site Control [Purchase and Sales Agreement, Option, Deed, License, Lease, etc.]
- Appraisal [for acquisitions]
- Assessor's map showing location of the project
- Permits already obtained


B. Additional Supporting Documents

- Photographs, renderings, or design plans, if applicable
- Preliminary architectural plans and specifications for new construction or rehabilitation, if applicable
- Historic structure report or existing condition reports
- Other information or documents. Please list.

2. Applicant Certification

I hereby certify that the foregoing and attached information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further certify that I have reviewed the attached Community Preservation Fund Appropriation Payment, Accounting & Procurement Policy and for non-government applicants, the attached draft Grant Agreement and hereby affirm that if the foregoing application is funded, the applicant is prepared to execute and abide by the terms of these documents.

Applicant's Name Green School Preservation Committee

By Authorized Representative  Diane C. Stewart

Date: 2/5/2014

G. AFFIDAVIT

GRANT AGREEMENT #:

APPLICANT: Green School Preservation Committee

I, Diane C. Stewart, under the penalties of perjury do hereby state and affirm that:

1. On 2/5/2014, I signed the attached Project Submission & Application For Funding (hereinafter "the Application") seeking funding from the Town of Middleborough's Community Preservation Fund as the Authorized Representative of

Green School Preservation Committee (hereinafter "the Applicant"); and

2. Neither I, nor the Applicant, nor any person or entity who would receive funding as a result of the Application has ever been convicted of:

- (a) a crime involving the willful and malicious setting of a fire, or
- (b) a crime involving the aiding, counseling, or procuring of a willful and malicious setting of a fire, or
- (c) a crime involving the fraudulent filing of a claim for fire insurance; and

3. Neither I, nor the Applicant, as of this date, owe the Town of Middleborough any monies in the form of previously incurred real estate taxes, water/sewer charges, motor vehicle excise taxes, personal property taxes, parking tickets or any other indebtedness, or

4. I owe \$ 0, (please state dollar amount and source of indebtedness - if nothing owed insert \$0.00), and if delinquent,

I have filed in good faith, an application for an abatement of such amount which is pending, or
 a petition before the Appellate Tax Board is pending, or
 an Installment Payment Agreement with the treasurer of the Town which is current and not in default; and

5. Neither I, nor the Applicant, nor any person who would gain equity as a result of funding of the project described in the Application, has ever been convicted of violating any code, statute or bylaw regarding conditions of human habitation within the last three (3) years; and

6. Neither I, nor the Applicant, nor any person who would gain equity as a result of funding the project described in the Application, has ever been the owner of any property in the Town of Middleborough for which the Town has foreclosed the right of redemption as a result of failure to pay real estate taxes, water/sewer charges or any other indebtedness

7. Neither I, nor the Applicant, nor any person who would gain equity as a result of funding the project described in the Application nor any person who would gain equity in the project described in the Application, is employed by the Town, or a member of a Board or Commission of the Town of Middleborough or if so:

(a) In what capacity?

(b) In what department?

I understand that in the event any of the foregoing statements are untrue, all CPA funding of the project described in the attached Project Submission & Funding Request will be forfeited and if any monies have been distributed pursuant to Town Meeting approval of this Funding request, then all such sums shall be immediately due and payable to the Town of Middleborough.

The undersigned swears under the penalties of perjuries that this Affidavit is complete and accurate in all respects.

SIGNATURE 

PRINT OR TYPE NAME Diane C. Stewart

ADDRESS 13 Carmen Park Drive Middleboro, MA 02346

TELEPHONE # (774) 766-1188

WITNESS 

- This Affidavit must be signed by the individual(s) or organizations(s) applying for Community Preservation Funding. If this form is signed on behalf of a corporation or other legal entity, it must be signed by a duly authorized representative of that corporation or legal entity.

H. MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

GRANT AGREEMENT #:

APPLICANT: Green School Preservation Committee

I understand that there are certain conditions and responsibilities involved in receiving CPA funding.

My signature below indicates that I have read the following conditions and agree to follow them if my application is recommended to and approved by Town Meeting:

1. I understand that the funding process follows procedures described in the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. Ch. 44B and that this places certain restrictions on how payments may be made.
2. In order to acknowledge the Community Preservation Act, and thus the contributions of the Middleborough taxpayers, I will:
 - Order, pay for and place a temporary "Community Preservation Works" sign or banner in front of the project. The Community Preservation Committee will provide the approved design. Approximate cost for the banner is generally \$250 - \$300.
 - Acknowledge the contributions of the Community Preservation Act in all press releases, newsletters, and other publicity.
 - Include recognition of the Community Preservation Act if a permanent plaque or sign is placed on the project.
3. If requested, I will supply the Community Preservation Committee with quarterly financial updates on the project.
4. I acknowledge that a deed restriction may be required. If needed, I will assist in the process of obtaining the required deed restriction to help protect the property in perpetuity.

Diane C. Stewart

Print Name



Signature

2/5/2014

Date

**TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ELIGIBILITY**

**ATTACHMENT A:
PROJECT NARRATIVE**

1. Goals and Description

- a. The primary goals for the project are to restore and preserve Middleborough's historic Green School building, which is the last remaining town-owned building in the historic Green section; to help prevent the historic Green area from future private development; and to designate the building as available for use by town committees and organizations, public or private.
- b. Previous project activities included removal of contaminated soil; trash disposal; structural repair; roof repair and new shingles, new siding, and painting (all as voted by the Historical Commission); gutter repair; electrical connections and disconnections. Future project activities include installing a handicapped ramp, finishing the ceiling, installing HVAC, completing electrical wiring and flooring, upgrading the bathroom to ADA compliance, and renovating the closet. The project is eligible for CPA funding per the Town of Middleborough Community Preservation Committee's Guidelines, specifically under acquiring, preserving, and rehabilitating/restoring Historic Resources.
- c. The project applicant is the Green School Preservation Committee, a town committee designated by the Board of Selectmen whose purpose is the preservation of Middleborough's Green School. Additionally, the project is supported through monetary and in-kind contributions by many current and former town residents and businesses, the Middleborough School Department, the Town of Middleborough Board of Selectmen, the Middleborough Department of Public Works, the Middleborough Park Department, Waste Management and many other local businesses, and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department.

2. Community Needs

Community needs that this project will address include ***restoring and preserving a significant historical town landmark, as well as the town's historic Green area***. Additionally, it will provide a space for Middleborough's Historical Commission to meet and to store files and other items, as well as provide space for the Community Preservation Committee, and any other committee, commission, or organization deemed appropriate by the Middleborough Board of Selectmen, or their designee. The Community Preservation Plan recognizes the importance of historic resources and outlines the three goals the CPA seeks to meet for all funding:

Goal 1: Acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and/or restore and provide permanent protection for historic, cultural, architectural or archaeological resources of significance, especially those that are threatened.

The project will preserve, rehabilitate, and restore and provide permanent protection for the historic Green School. The project will also acquire approximately

one-quarter of an acre adjacent to the Green School property to provide adequate parking for the building. In its currently-empty state, the Green School has been subject to vandalism, specifically when vandals damaged the property's oil tank, contaminating the soil around it.

The project will provide permanent protection for the Green School, as the intent is to house the Historic Commission and its resources within the building, so the building will be permanently in use and maintained.

Without the initiative from concerned private citizens, the Middleborough School Department would likely have been required to tear down the building to remove the contaminated soil. Since at least June of 1990, the School Department has had no plans to rehabilitate or preserve the building and no plans to provide permanent protection for the building by utilizing it for school purposes. Previous school buildings have been sold.

The School Department has voted to transfer the property to the Town of Middleborough, ***which is a value to the town of \$130,900.00*** (current assessed value of the building).

Goal 2: Preserve, rehabilitate and/or restore town-owned properties, features, artifacts, documents or resources of historical significance.

As stated, the project will preserve, rehabilitate, and restore the Green School, which is a town-owned property of historical significance. To the best of our knowledge, ***this is the first significant effort from private citizens independent of town solicitation to preserve a historic town building.***

Goal 3: Preserve, rehabilitate and/or restore the historic function of a property or site.

The project seeks to preserve the Green School and maintain the town's historic Green section; however, it is not feasible to preserve the building as an operating schoolhouse, as it historically functioned. The project will preserve the exterior of the building and the internal structure and foundation of the building, so that the school looks like new, as it did prior to its dilapidation. It is also the intent of the Committee to place historical school desks with inkwells, as well as a chalkboard, inside the building so that residents and visitors may have the historical one-room schoolhouse experience. ***The one-room schoolhouse is to Middleborough what a covered bridge is to Vermont and should be preserved accordingly.***

3. Community Support and Outreach

Many individuals and groups support this project, as described in Paragraph 1(d) above. At least fourteen (14) local businesses, as well as forty-five (45) private citizens, have donated financially to the project or volunteered work or resources to the project. This project will foster long-term stewardship through the maintenance of the building. As mentioned, private citizens have also become involved in an

effort to restore and preserve the Green School. Finally, a website has been created that is dedicated to the history of the Green School, as well as an update on the efforts to restore and preserve it. The project has been, and will continue to be, featured in local media outlets.

Support letters from Ms. Judy Bigelow-Costa, Middleborough on the Move; Mr. Michael Maddigan, local historian; Mr. Joseph St. Jean, an adjacent property abutter since 1978; Mr. Fred Lavallie, adjacent property abutter; Mr. Richard Gillis, on behalf of the Middleborough School Committee; Mr. Charles Cristello, Town Manager; and the Middleborough Board of Selectmen are attached to this application.

4. Credentials

The project applicant is the Green School Preservation Committee, whose members include the following town residents: Ms. Diane Stewart; Ms. Sarah Cedarholm (School Committee member); Mr. Wayne Perkins; Mr. Lincoln Andrews; Mr. Neil Rosenthal; Mr. Bruce Atwood; Mr. Allin Frawley (Board of Selectmen member); and Ms. Jane Lopes.

Individuals, companies, and organizations that will be working on the project, or have already worked on the project, include Waste Management; Plymouth County Sheriff Joseph McDonald and the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department; Outback Engineering; and numerous others who have requested anonymity.

5. Maintenance and Ongoing Costs

Because this is a one-room schoolhouse, ongoing maintenance will be limited in scope. The property will be owned by the Town of Middleborough through the Board of Selectmen, who, at its discretion, may appoint a town committee or other individual or agency to be responsible for the organization and line-item expenses of any maintenance costs.

6. Success Factors

The project has been a success inasmuch as the building is now structurally rehabilitated and in like-new external condition. ***The Middleborough Historical Commission publicly recognized the Green School Preservation Group at the Special Town Meeting on April 22, 2013, for their work in "restoring, rehabilitating and preserving" the Green School, "an important structure which documents Middleborough's educational past, as well as the history of the historic Green area."***

The second stage of success of the project will be measured by the building's ability to be used by the citizens of Middleborough and approval of the project by the Historical Commission. No significant barriers to completion of the project are anticipated.

7. Project Permits & Approvals

- a. Control of Site: The School Committee voted at its February 6, 2014, meeting to transfer the property to the Town of Middleborough; it is anticipated that the Board of Selectmen will vote at its February 10, 2014, meeting to accept the property from the School Department; Town Counsel will execute a Deed confirming the same.
- b. Deed Restrictions: As written by Town Counsel in accordance with the Community Preservation Act.
- c. Hazardous Materials: On or about August 24, 2009, a licensed site professional certified that the property is free from oil contamination.
- d. Environmental Concerns: Not located within wetlands, floodplains, or natural resource areas, as confirmed by the Town's Conservation Agent. All required approvals shall be obtained from the appropriate town departments, including the Conservation Commission, the Building Department, and the Planning Department, at the respective phases of construction.
- e. Evidence of Historic Significance: [letter from Middleborough Historic Commission that the 'historic resource is locally significant' is anticipated]
- f. Permitting: No issues with zoning or permitting; see letter from Robert J. Whalen, Building Commissioner & Zoning Enforcement Officer.

**TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ELIGIBILITY**

**ATTACHMENT B:
PROJECT BUDGET, FUNDING, AND TIMELINE**

1. Project Budget:

The total budget for the project is \$162,804.43:

<u>Expense Item</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>CPA</u>	<u>Other</u>
Coler & Colantonio (site cleanup, certification)	\$ 40,076.09		School Dept.
Frank Corp. (cleanup)	\$ 11,630.93		School Dept.
Meier (soil excavation)	\$ 2,800.00		School Dept.
Waste Management (soil acceptance)	\$ 4,000.00		In-kind donation
W.L. Byrne, Inc. (clean fill)	\$ 563.41		School Dept.
Beam & Structural Repair	\$ 16,500.00		Private/School Dept.
Roof repair	\$ 1,600.00		Private donation
Paint	\$ 1,000.00		Private/School Dept.
Repairs, painting	\$ 2,500.00		In-kind donation
Lunches for volunteers	\$ 200.00		Private donation
Heater removal/disposal	\$ 300.00		DPW
Electrical safety work	\$ 300.00		In-kind donation
Sign	\$ 150.00		Private/School Dept.
Trash removal	\$ 500.00		In-kind donation
Acquisition of adjacent land	\$ 2,000.00		In-kind donation
Floor/carpeting	\$ 2,000.00 (est.)		In-kind donation
Contractor quote (handicap ramp, bathroom, ceiling/floor, HVAC, etc.)	\$ 61,684.00 (est.)	100%	
Septic hookup	\$ 5,000.00 (est.)	100%	
Cost Contingency	\$ 10,000.00 (est.)	100%	
TOTAL:	\$162,804.43		

2. Other Funding:

Private donations:	\$ 14,480.00 (secured)
In-kind donations:	\$ 13,200.00 (secured)
School Department:	\$ 57,940.43 (secured)
CPA funding:	\$ 77,184.00 (anticipated)

3. Total Project Funding:

The Green School's anticipated project completion is by the end of the calendar year 2014 and is not presently broken into phases. All CPC funds will be disbursed within one fiscal year (2014).

4. Timeline and Grant Disbursement Schedule:

Project start date: The project started May 14, 2009, when the then-private group of concerned citizens, the Green School Preservation Group, began to raise money to save the Green School. During the summer of 2009, the entire building was braced and jacked up partially. The School Department removed the contaminated soil using Coler and Colantonio's licensed site professional (LSP) and Lincoln Andrews and excavator Peter Meier supervised the soil removal in order to prevent damage to the school building and to remove only the contaminated soil, which prevented the site from becoming tier classified. Beam and Structural Repair, Inc., replaced entire sections of the building's foundation, repaired the remaining foundation, replaced the building's rotten sills, repaired the roof rafters, added collar ties, and put on new siding.

In the summer of 2010, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Department replaced and repaired the building's wooden gutters. The Green School's new sign, whose color and design was approved by the Middleborough Historical Commission, was completed. The Sheriff's Department also weatherproofed the building, secured the steps and the decking leading to the building's rear door, and built a bulkhead into the basement. The outside of the building was painted in accordance with the Middleborough Historical Commission's specifications.

In the summer of 2011, the remaining private donations were used to replace the roof, which was shingled with old-fashioned three-tab shingles as specified by the Middleborough Historic Commission. All of the substantial accumulated trash was removed from the site and the new sign was installed at the school. Finally, the electrical wiring was brought up to code inside the building.

On May 6, 2013, the Middleborough Board of Selectmen made the Green School Preservation Group an official Town committee.

From May 6, 2013, until the present, the Green School Preservation Committee has acted within its mission to bring a complete package to the Town to complete the restoration, rehabilitation, and preservation of this important historic building.

The timeline to complete the final phase of this project includes the following of installing a handicapped ramp, finishing the ceiling, installing HVAC, completing electrical wiring and flooring, upgrading the bathroom to ADA compliance, and renovating the closet; and obtaining final approval from the Historic Commission is anticipated to be completed within 12 months from the date of funding.

The proposed timeline to complete the project, including acquiring the adjacent property and completing historic restorations and rehabilitation of the interior to receive an occupancy permit.

**TOWN OF MIDDLEBOROUGH
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**ATTACHMENT C:
SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

1. Letters of Support:
 - a. Town of Middleborough – Board of Selectmen [forthcoming]
 - b. Town of Middleborough – Town Manager [forthcoming]
 - c. Town of Middleborough – School Committee
 - d. Middleborough on the Move
 - e. Mr. Joseph St. Jean and Mr. Fred Lavallie, adjacent property abutters
 - f. Mr. Michael Maddigan, local historian
2. Letter of Certification from Middleborough Historical Commission [forthcoming]
3. Letter from Middleborough Historical Commission regarding project approval [orthcoming]
4. Letter from Town of Middleborough Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer
5. Town of Middleborough Assessors Map
6. Photos – Green School prior to outside renovations and after outside renovations
7. “Green School preservation, cleanup move forward”; Lopes, Jane; Middleborough Gazette, July 30, 2009
8. “Green School group raises \$14,000-plus”; Lopes, Jane; Middleborough Gazette, August 13, 2009
9. “Contaminated dirt removed from under Middleboro’s Green School”; Reece, Eileen; Brockton Enterprise, August 14, 2009
10. “Green School History” excerpts; Maddigan, Michael J.; <http://greenschoolhistory.blogspot.com>



Rosell S. Weiss, Ed.D
Superintendent of Schools

MIDDLEBOROUGH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FLORA M. CLARK ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
30 FOREST STREET
MIDDLEBOROUGH, MASSACHUSETTS 02346
Telephone 508-946-2000

Kathleen C. Piatelli
Director of Business and Finance

February 6, 2014

Middleborough Board of Selectmen
10 Nickerson Avenue
Middleborough, MA 02346

Re: Green School

On October 3, 2013, the Middleborough School Committee voted unanimously to turn control of the Green School, located on the corner of Plympton and Wood Streets, over to the Middleborough Board of Selectmen. The School Committee regrets its inability to utilize the building and the Committee respectfully requests the Board of Selectmen accept control so that this historic building may be restored for municipal use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard C. Gillis".

Richard C. Gillis
School Committee Chairman

MIDDLEBOROUGH

On the Move

20 Center Street
1st Floor
Middleborough, MA 02346
January 28, 2014

To Whom It May Concern,

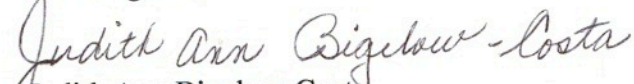
Middleborough on the Move would like to express it's full support of the use of The Green School, owned by the town, to be used in the capacity of open meetings, general meetings, and events for the community.

It would like to express that the building has had a historic makeover that helped to preserve it in it's natural historic value.

The town would like to preserve this historic landmark for the community with future plans for the use by the community.

We are in support of that going forward in the town's endeavors. Future plans to be made could be for the betterment of this school through the Community Preservation Act funds and other means to keep it preserved for the future.

Best Regards,


Judith Ann Bigelow-Costa
President

Middleborough on the Move
www.Middleboroughonthemove.org/

2/1/2014

I Joseph H. H. Sean.

I live at 247 East Main Street have owned
the property since 1978 am in favor
of the supporting the completion of the
Green school for town use.

Joseph H. Sean.
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Community Preservation Committee
Middleborough Town Hall
1 Nickerson Avenue
Middleborough, MA 02346

Dear Committee Members,

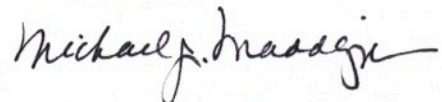
I am writing on behalf of the Green School Preservation Committee to support its request for historic preservation funding under the Community Preservation Act.

In the nineteenth century there were some nearly four dozen buildings in use as public schoolhouses in Middleborough. Today, only a few of these schoolhouses remain, including the historic Green School. Built in 1871 by noted Middleborough contractor James P. Sparrow, the Green School is one of only a few extant examples of a one-room schoolhouse remaining in Middleborough. As such, it is an important community resource that speaks to the educational history of Middleborough and one that is of such architectural and historical significance as to warrant its inclusion as a contributing resource in any future National Register Historic District centered upon the Green.

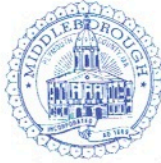
The Green School Preservation Committee has worked successfully since 2009 not only to raise the necessary funds to save the building from almost certain demolition, but to help stabilize the structure and plan for the building's eventual re-use. The committee has been supported in this work by the community at large which has clearly demonstrated a desire to see this historic schoolhouse preserved as indicated by the generous donations received to date. But further funding is needed in order to return the building to the active role it once held in the community.

Given the success of the Green School Preservation Committee and the historic significance of the Green School, I would urge the Community Preservation Committee to act favorably upon the Green School Preservation Committee's funding application.

Respectfully,



Michael J. Maddigan



Town of Middleborough
20 Centre Street, Second Floor
Middleborough, Massachusetts 02346

Robert J. Whalen
Building Commissioner
Tel. 508-946-2426
Fax 508-946-2305

February 4, 2014

Middleborough Community Preservation Committee
8 Benton Street
Middleborough, MA 02346

RE: Proposed Renovations for The Green School located at 251 East Main Street, Map:
042 Lot: 4814.

Dear Middleborough Community Preservation Committee,

The proposed interior renovations and addition of a ramp to the Green School will not create any Zoning violation.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. Whalen
Building Commissioner
Zoning Enforcement Officer

RJW/d



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Green School preservation, cleanup move forward

July 30, 2009 12:00 AM

By JANE LOPES

Editor

MIDDLEBORO — Removal of contaminated material from a heating oil spill is under way at the former Green School with the building in place and shored up to prevent it from collapsing as soil is dug out from below a corner of the building thanks to donations from members of the community.

Former selectman Lincoln Andrews is heading up a group of residents working to preserve the one-room schoolhouse where students attended classes until 1990. The Green School Preservation Group has collected more than \$4,000, Mr. Andrews told the selectmen Monday night, to replace sills on the building and take other steps to maintain the 19th-century structure during the oil cleanup. Pledges for additional donations to continue the preservation effort are being accepted, and the contributions can be made as tax-deductible donations through the Middleboro Rotary Club's charitable and educational foundation once the mechanics of the club's sponsorship of the project have been finalized.

"We have saved the school at the present time," Mr. Andrews said.

He and other members of the group, including former selectman Neil Rosenthal, zoning board chairman Bruce Atwood and local resident Richard Young, came forward after school officials were initially advised it might be necessary to move the school building in order to clean up the oil that leaked out of an above-ground oil tank on the property last year. The oil leaked into an area under the building, which is on a stone foundation and does not have a full cellar. A cement block structure under the front corner of the building houses the heating system.

Mr. Andrews said a contractor hired by the preservation group has advised that the building can be stabilized so that contaminated soil can be dug out. The town is paying for the actual cleanup, which began this week with Mr. Andrews volunteering to oversee it. He said so far it has been determined, through analysis of monitoring wells on the site, that there has been no contamination of groundwater in the area, which is close to the protective zone for town wells.

The town faces an Aug. 22 deadline for reporting progress on the cleanup to the state Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) in order to avoid having the site classified as a hazardous waste site requiring more costly reporting and possible fines. More than \$35,000 has already been paid for the cleanup. Mr. Andrews said getting the project under way again - it was halted last fall out of concern for the condition of the school building - should allow the town to meet the DEP deadline.

Mr. Andrews said the town will save more money by having Department of Public Works employees remove some of the material from the site.

Selectman Al Rullo commented on the volunteer effort following Mr. Andrews' presentation.

"This is a wonderful example of how a group of citizens can get together "» to save a wonderful building," he said "Nice job."

Mr. Atwood, who worked on setting up a corporation with assistance from local attorney Robert Mather, said there are many thoughts on what could be done with the building in the future. Mr. Atwood, whose wife Beverly was the last to teach public school students in the building, said the town

clerk is interested in possibly using the building as a polling place. It is also possible, he said, that the restored building could be used as a place where local children could visit and learn about public education in the 19th century.

"We have a lot of work to do before we reach that stage (of deciding what the building should be used for)," Mr. Atwood said. "Cleaning up the oil is the most important thing now, and saving the exterior of the building."

Anyone interested in making a pledge of money or services to the preservation effort can email Mr. Andrews at lincolnandrews@hotmail.com or call him at 947-7071.

Green School group raises \$14,000-plus

August 13, 2009 10:08 AM

By JANE LOPES

Editor

MIDDLEBORO — A private effort has raised more than \$14,000 to structurally stabilize the former Green School, one of the town's last remaining one-room school houses.

Former selectman Lincoln Andrews, who is heading up the project, told the selectmen Monday night that he expects his group can raise some of the approximately \$16,000 still needed to replace rotted sills and the building's roof and to generally make the structure "weather-tight" for the winter while plans for reuse are discussed.

"It's been a humbling process to see how much enthusiasm there is behind this project," Mr. Andrews said.

He and other members of the group, including former selectman Neil Rosenthal, zoning board chairman Bruce Atwood and local resident Richard Young, came forward after school officials were initially advised it might be necessary to move or demolish the school building in order to clean up the oil that leaked out of an above-ground oil tank on the property last year. The oil leaked into an area under the building, which is on a stone foundation and does not have a full cellar. A cement block structure under the front corner of the building houses the heating system.

Mr. Andrews said the Green School Preservation Group has saved the town money, particularly in a worst-case scenario where the former school might have been razed in order to clean up a heating oil spill that occurred on the site last year. He said the cost might have been \$20,000 or more to remove the building. Instead, the group hired structural repair expert Walt Murphy and his crew from Whitman and, after meeting with the licensed site professional hired by the School Department to oversee the cleanup project, determined that the building could be stabilized sufficiently for the cleanup to take place, likely without causing further damage to a vintage 1871 building that has not been in regular use for some 20 years.

Mr. Andrews said the soil cleanup was much less extensive than originally anticipated, and took just five hours rather than the projected three-four days. The town DPW will be able to haul the contaminated soil to the Brook Street landfill, where Waste Management has agreed to accept it at no additional cost to the town.

Mr. Andrews said in addition to the remaining work that Mr. Murphy has agreed to do, the building needs a new roof before winter, with that cost estimated at around \$5,000.

He asked the selectmen to consider including on the Sept. 21 special town meeting warrant an article that would request some funding for the project from the town in case fund-raising efforts for this phase of the project fall short. Mr. Andrews said if taxpayer money was needed, it would likely be less than \$10,000.

Town Manager Charles Cristello said a warrant article will be needed to cover the remainder of the oil cleanup. He said if necessary, language could be added to seek additional funding for the repair work.

Selectwoman Marsha Brunelle said she supports the school preservation project but noted that the special town meeting is being called to address a \$1.6 million deficit for this fiscal year.

"I would strongly encourage continued fundraising," said Ms. Brunelle, who also said the town "needs to get a handle on what this will cost" if the building is to be restored and maintained.

Mr. Andrews said the preservation group would only be looking for a small amount of money to ensure that there is no further deterioration or damage to the building. He said efforts will be made to find outside funding sources for restoring and maintaining the building.

Selectman Al Rullo, who is a retired certified public accountant, said that "as a former bean counter" he shares Ms. Brunelle's concerns about finances.

"But the town has stepped up on this, and it's time for the board to step up and support the project, at least let the voters decide (at town meeting)," he said.

Contributions to continue the preservation effort can be made as tax-deductible donations through the Middleboro Rotary Club's charitable and educational foundation. The club has agreed to sponsor the project. Checks made out the the Middleboro Rotary Club with "Green School Preservation Fund" on the memo line can be mailed to Lincoln Andrews, 28 Sachem Street, Middleboro, MA, 02346. For more information, call 508-947-7071 or email Mr. Andrews at lincolnandrews@hotmail.com.

. Contaminated dirt removed from under Middleboro's Green School

. The school, an abandoned one-room school house built in 1853, on the corner of Plympton and Wood streets, was at risk for demolition when the leak was discovered last summer and the Department of Environmental Protection declared it a hazardous site and gave the town a deadline of Aug. 25 to remove the soil.

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Enterprise file photoContaminated soil was removed from the historic Green School in five hours.

• • Crowdynews • **By Eileen Reece**

Posted Aug. 14, 2009 @ 12:01 am

Aug 14, 2009 at 2:05 PM

MIDDLEBORO

The contaminated soil from an oil leak found under the historic Green School has been removed without any structural damage to the school, selectmen learned Monday night.

The school, an abandoned one-room school house built in 1853, on the corner of Plympton and Wood streets, was at risk for demolition when the leak was discovered last summer and the Department of Environmental Protection declared it a hazardous site and gave the town a deadline of Aug. 25 to remove the soil.

Lincoln Andrews, former selectman and planning board member who spearheaded a drive to save the school, said this week that the process took about five hours, much less than the three or four days first estimated, at a cost of \$3,500. The total cost of remediation was about \$6,000 to \$8,000, with a total savings of about \$20,000 for the town, said Andrews.

The contaminated soil was sent to the town's landfill. Waste Management, who operates the landfill, said it would accept the soil after determining it met the standards that would allow them to accept it.

"It has been a very good group effort," said Andrews of his group of volunteer activists, the Green School Preservation Group.

None of the hazardous soil contaminated the well sites, said Andrews, which would have classified the school as a Tier I hazardous site and meant demolition of the school.

"A little ray of sunshine is shining down on that building," said Andrews.

Now that the soil has been removed, the building, which has been declared structurally sound by the building commissioner, must be restored, said Andrews.

"The community has gotten behind us and we have raised \$14,000, and by the end will raise about \$21,000," said Andrews. He said an additional \$9,000 is needed to finish the restoration.

He hopes to winterize the building and replace the roof this fall.

Andrews asked selectmen to place a warrant article in the Sept. 21 special town meeting asking the town to appropriate \$9,000 toward the restoration.

But Vice Chairwoman Marsha L. Brunelle was cool to the idea, saying the town already faces a \$1.6 million shortfall in this year's budget and will be asking department heads to cut their budgets by an additional 1.5 percent.

"I strongly encourage you to continue fundraising," said Brunelle.

Selectman Alfred P. Rullo Jr. said the article should appear on the warrant.

"I feel we should support the article and let the townspeople decide," he said.

Town Manager Charles J. Cristello said an article will be placed in the warrant for the cost of removing the soil, since the town is responsible for that expense. He said he will also look into placing an article for the structural repair.

Cristello said they have investigated other vacant town buildings and have found that none have a similar problem.

- See more at: <http://www.enterpriseneews.com/x1406404354/Contaminated-dirt-removed-from-under-Middleboro-s-Green-School#sthash.pa3pitqO.dpuf>

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TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2009

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-Description of the Green School in 1881

Annual Report of the School Committee of Middleborough for the Year 1881



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The historic Green School was built in 1871 to replace an earlier structure which stood on the same site and which by that time had fallen into great disrepair. The 1870 School Committee report for Middleborough noted that "the schoolhouses in No. 3 [the Green] and 14 [Fall Brook] are poor and inconvenient, and in our opinion unsuitable for school purposes. If the town does not deem it advisable to build more than one house the coming year, we most earnestly recommend that steps be taken to build a house at the Green, suitable to accommodate that school"

As a consequence of the Committee's recommendation, the following year a schoolhouse was constructed at the Green. "Your committee have done nearly as much as the means in their hands would enable them, to improve the condition of the school buildings. A new house has been built at the Green, No. 3, according to the vote of the town, at an expense of \$1,674.67. This includes a new fence. It stands on the ground so long occupied by what had become an apology for a schoolhouse, and which has been sold for \$75. The new house is 24x36, is a neat structure, with blinds, and will accommodate 56 scholars. It has modern seats, a sink, extensive blackboard, and many other conveniences. The building deserves to be appreciated by the people of the district. It has been honestly and creditably built by Mr. James P. Sparrow." The cost of the school was broken down as follows: James P. Sparrow, per contract, \$1,500; B. N. Bradt & Company, furniture, \$172.47; and George Soule of Middleborough, chairs, \$2.20.

While the original exterior design of the Green School has been preserved in photographs, its interior layout is less well documented. Likely the building had two small foyers at each entrance, one for boys and one for girls. It is here that coat hooks and shelves for lunch pails were likely located. Between the two was undoubtedly a washroom which contained a small sink.

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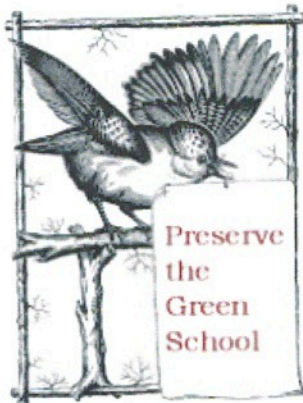
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2013

Group Will Consider Reuse Plan for Green School

By Jane Lopes, Editor, *Middleboro Gazette*

If you have driven by the Green School and thought, "What a neat place for ..." there is a committee waiting to hear from you.

The 19th century former schoolhouse, which sits on what was the town green in colonial days, has been renovated by a group of volunteers with donations from the public, many of them local residents and former residents who attended the one-room schoolhouse before it was closed in the 1990s. The school was threatened with demolition, in part because of a heating oil leak, but the volunteer group stepped forward to save it.

Meeting with the selectmen earlier this month, Town Moderator Wayne Perkins said the building is "tight to the weather." Structural work has been done, a new roof has been installed, and the building has been painted. It needs windows

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and a main door, Mr. Perkins said, as well as interior renovations.

"Some electrical work has been donated, and others are waiting to come forward," Mr. Perkins told the selectmen.

He said the informal committee including himself and former selectmen Lincoln Andrews, Bruce Atwood and Neil Rosenthal is regrouping in an effort to bring the renovations to a conclusion and help find the best reuse for the building. He asked the selectmen to appoint a representative to the committee and said the School Committee will also be asked to participate, since the building is still under the School Department's control.

The selectmen appointed Selectman Allin Frawley, who works in construction and who volunteered for the job, to serve on the committee.

Built in 1871, the Green School sits on the green across from the First Congregational Church. The Sproat Tavern, which entertained such celebrities as Benjamin Franklin in colonial times, once stood between the school site and the church. Colonial militia trained on the green at a time when the area was considered the center of town.

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Mary Sproat's Green, 1870s

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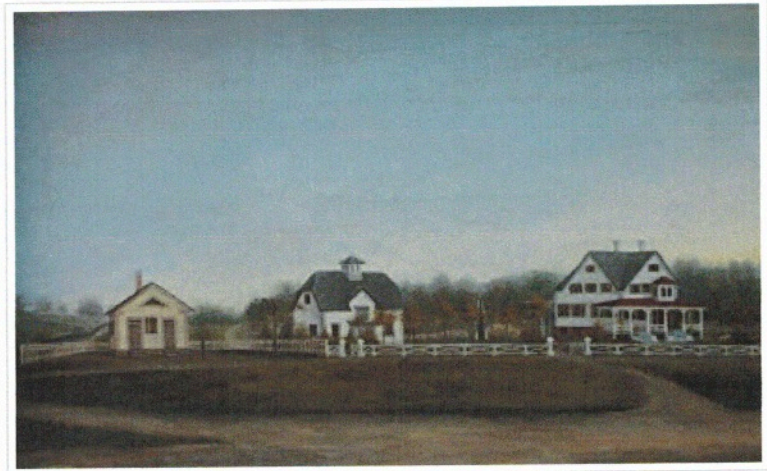
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Photographs

Pupils, c. 1906
 Pupils, c. 1915
 Schoolhouse, c. 1925
 Schoolhouse, 2009

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The earliest known image of the 1871 Green School is a painting by Middleborough artist Mary Sproat (1837-1888) formerly in the collection of Attorney George Decas of Middleborough. Sproat's depiction of the Green School was probably completed in the 1870s or early 1880s and captures not only the newly-built schoolhouse, but the neighboring Barton House and barn as well. The 13 x 21 inch oil on canvas painting depicts the three structures aligned along the south side of what was once a portion of the **Training or Lower Green** at Middleborough with East Main Street conspicuous as the roadway in the foreground. The school is clearly recognizable with its twin entrances (one for boys, one for girls), central window and triangular louvered vent in the gable peak. Three sides of the schoolyard are fenced. Next to the school is the home which still stands at 247 East Main Street. The house was most likely built following January 1870 at which time the land was purchased by Elvira Barton of Providence, Rhode Island, from William Davis of Middleborough. Mrs. Barton was the wife of Ernest J. F. Barton and the mother of Ernest F. Barton, both of whom were engaged as fresco painters. The house was later owned by Henry L. Thomas (1897-1906), Walter C. Thomas (1906-43) and Clarence E. Benson (1943-45). The barn, prominently located at the center of the picture, is no longer extant. It is possible that the radical changes which transformed the south side of the Green in the early 1870s prompted Miss Sproat to document them on canvas.

Documents

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Green School, 1938

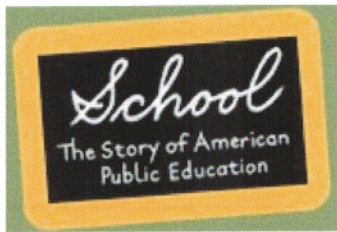
The following series of photographs, provided courtesy of *The Beauty of Middleboro*, depicts students of the Green School enjoying recess in September, 1938. The teacher at the time was Hilda G. MacKeen. At the time, the school housed grades 1 and 2 for the eastern section of Middleborough.



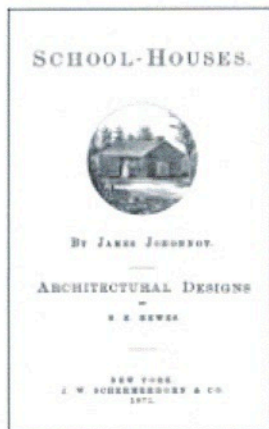
a deeper understanding and appreciation of the country school experience.



One-Room Schoolhouse Center - An online resource for those interested in learning more about early education in the United States.



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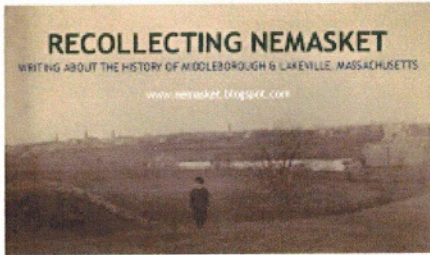


Johonnot's 1871 work, published in the same year the Green School was constructed, is a comprehensive consideration of



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American schoolhouse design at the time.



Recollecting Nemasket - Writing about the History of Middleborough and Lakeville, Massachusetts



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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2010

Christmas at the Green School, 1925

On December 18, 1925, Esther M. Spooner, the teacher of the Green School, with her pupils and their parents celebrated Christmas at the schoolhouse on East Main Street and the occasion was recorded for posterity in the pages of the Middleboro Gazette.

Friday afternoon, under the joint auspices of the teacher, scholars and the P. T. A., a very pleasant time was enjoyed by the Green school and about 45 of their parents and friends. The entertainment by the children consisted of two cantatas, Christmas carols and songs with Mrs. Grace Rorschach at the piano. The first and second grades presented "Old Santa" and the third, fourth and fifth grades presented "Christmas Gifts" with a proficiency and verve that showed what sympathetic instruction can accomplish with the ready imagination and enthusiasm of the children. The children, now freed of every care, gave their undivided attention to the handsome Christmas tree and with eager eyes expectingly awaited the many surprised its beautifully decorated and well laden branches held in store for them. The teacher had arranged for each pupil to provide one present for a designated classmate thus exemplifying the Christmas spirit of giving, while generously remembering all of them herself. Nor were the parents and friends forgotten as the P. T. A. had provided a gift and candy for everyone present, young and old.

Miss Spooner, the popular teacher, was the recipient of numerous gifts from both parents and pupils showing the high esteem in which they hold her; and as a token of their appreciation of her co-operation with the P. T. A., in all their efforts to make the association a success, Mrs. Annie Sears, the president of the association, presented her with a gold piece.

The committee appointed by the P. T. A. to provide gifts for all were Mrs. John B. Gagnon and Mrs. Herbert A. White.

Source:

Middleboro Gazette, "Green School", December 25, 1925, page 1.

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