

TOWN OF WILBRAHAM
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

240 SPRINGFIELD STREET,
WILBRAHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 01095

JAN 13 2016

PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM

PROJECT TITLE: Wilbraham Children's Museum Accessibility

CPA Funding Requested: \$ 146,470 Total Project Cost: \$ 146,470

Name of Applicant: Wilbraham Commissioner on Disability

Sponsoring Organization (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: 240 Springfield Street

Daytime Phone: 413.596 2800 x 204 Email: trevallosh@wilbraham-ma.gov

Are supporting documents attached to this form? Yes Number of Pages: 8

Please indicate to which of the Community Preservation categories this project applies:

- Open Space Preservation
 Historic Preservation
 Affordable Housing
 Public Recreation

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. Please respond to each question separately, indicating the question number. Please type all responses.

1. General project description and goals with projected schedule for project completion, including target dates for interim tasks and goals.
2. Community Need: Why is this project needed?
3. Community Support: What is the nature of support for this project?
4. Budget: What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure for CPA funds must be clearly identified. What other funding sources have been committed for this project? (use Budget Form provided)
5. Maintenance: If ongoing maintenance is required for this project, how will it be funded and who will be responsible?
6. Project location: Please include a map showing property location and any schematic drawings of the proposed project as appropriate.

Additional information, if applicable:

- 7. Documentation that the applicant has control over the site.
- 8. Evidence that the project conforms to the conservation, zoning, building and other regulations of the Town of Wilbraham.

Applicant's Signature:



Date: 13 Jan 2016

Printed Name: R. Steven Fratoni

Chairman, Wilbraham Commission on Disability

For Community Preservation Committee Use

Received on _____ Reviewed on _____
Recommendation: _____ Amount _____ Funding Cycle FY _____



Willbraham Commission on Disability: Community Preservation Act Grant request for FY 2017 funding.

Renovation of the Willbraham Children's Museum for Accessibility and other building code updates.

1. General project description and goals:

General goal is to make the Willbraham Children's Museum fully accessible. This grant will be used for construction oversight and finished construction including a new entrance, new bathrooms, and additional requirements to make the building in compliance with current State and Federal accessibility codes. Other code issues in this historic 1880 school house will also be updated. Concept drawings funded by a FY2016 CPA grant are attached.

2. Community Need: The basic principle of "inclusion" makes this an important part of the early childhood education conducted at the museum. The building has been part of the Town's educational facilities since 1880 and the current programs have been run by the Willbraham Children's Museum organization since 1981. Code improvements to provide access would benefit the children attending programs, both those with disabilities and those learning about others, as well as parents, caregivers, and program attendees with disabilities.

3. Community Support: The Commission on Disability and the Children's Museum would like to add this element of inclusivity to the educational resources of the town while keeping the historic image of the building intact.

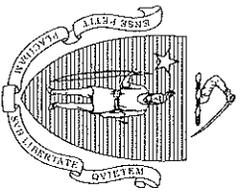
4. Budget: \$146,470. Note: as a Town owned building, construction contracts must be competitively bid as per State requirements.

5. Maintenance: Ongoing maintenance is the responsibility of the building's owners; the Town of Willbraham, and its occupants, presently the Willbraham Children's Museum.

6. Project location: Willbraham Children's Museum at 678 Main Street.

7. Documentation that the applicant has control over the site: Owned by the Town of Willbraham (2949/131).

8. Evidence that the project conforms to the conservation, zoning, building and other regulations of the Town of Willbraham: Primary objective of the project is to bring this facility up to current code requirements.



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January 6, 2016

Peter Manolakis, Chairman
Community Preservation Committee
Town of Wilbraham
240 Springfield Street
Wilbraham, MA 01095

RE: Wilbraham Children's Museum Application for Community Preservation Funds

Dear Chairman Manolakis and Community Preservation Committee members,

I want to take a moment to write in support of the application submitted to Wilbraham's Community Preservation Committee by the Wilbraham Commission on Disability for funding to facilitate much needed improvements to make the Wilbraham Children's Museum accessible to the handicapped.

The Wilbraham Children's Museum is a well-loved, community museum that strengthens families and gives children a place to explore and learn. The Museum was built in 1880 and is in need of upgrades to bring it up to current Americans with Disabilities access codes, making it accessible to parents, children, grandparents, caregivers and the whole community. The funds would be used to add handicapped accessible restrooms, widen doorways and to bring electrical wiring and plumbing up to modern codes. Furthermore, these improvements would help to keep a historic property in use by keeping it open to everyone in the community.

Please know of my strong support of this application, and I would appreciate your support of this important resource for the Town of Wilbraham. If I can supply any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at my Boston office at 617-722-2430 or in the district office at 413-596-4333.

Sincerely,


ANGELO J. PUPPOLO, JR.
State Representative

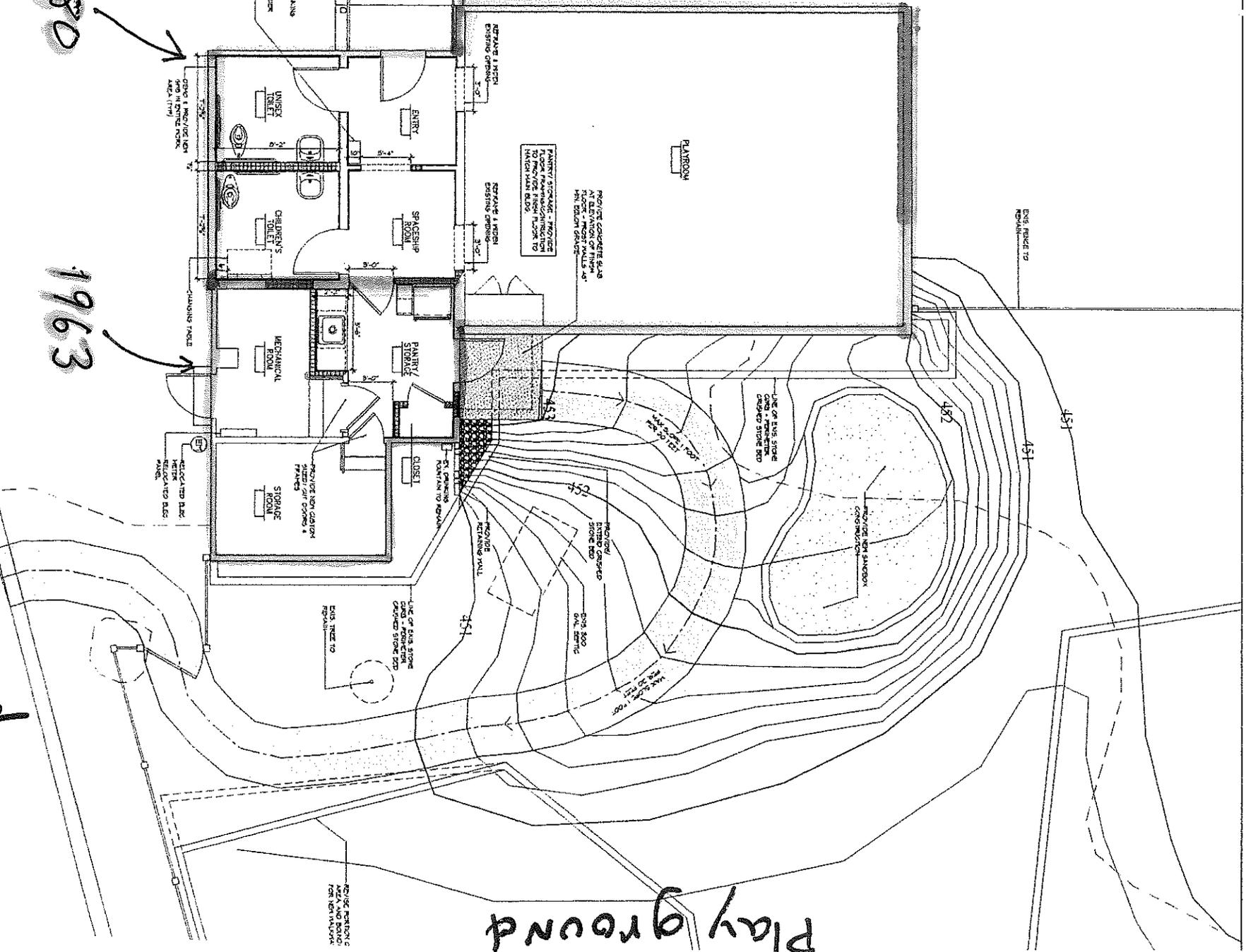
MAIN STREET

1880

1963

Tinkham Road

Playground



FIRST FLOOR PLAN

SCALE 3/8"=1'-0"

