PROJECT APPLICATION FORM - 2007

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PLANNING DEPARTMENT

Applicant: Town of Acton, Municipal Properties Department

Submission Date: October 27, 2006

Applicant's Address, Phone Number and Email

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Purpose: (Please select all that apply)

O Open Space
O Community Housing
#O Historic Preservation
O Recreation

Town Committee (if applicable):

Project Name: Faulkner Room ceiling repair

Project Location/Address: Town Hall, 472 Main Street

Amount Requested: $150,000

Project Summary: In the space below, provide a brief summary of the project.

In August, 2006, a plaster ceiling medallion detached from the ceiling of the Faulkner Room, smashing on the floor. There were concerns that this failure might be a precursor of a large failure, and the room was placed off limits. The Town hired the architecture firm of Lerner, Ladds, and Bartels, to investigate the ceiling, and they in turn hired Simpson, Gumpertz, & Heger, as consulting engineers.

The preliminary investigation confirmed that the room should remain closed, and confirmed that the failure was indicative of old age and a possible design flaw of the area directly above the medallion. The failure did not appear to be related to the roof repair. A more extensive investigation will be conducted in the next month to diagnose if the entire ceiling has to be replaced, or if it can be repaired.

Major repair or complete replacement of the ceiling will be a major undertaking, considering that the rest of the building will remain occupied, the carpet and walls must be preserved, the lighting removed and replaced, and the active sprinkler system kept operational. Considering the historic nature of the building, the result of the repair or replacement should be undetectable.

The amount requested is a place holder at this time, pending outcome of the study noted above.

Estimated Date for Commencement of Project: May, 2007

Estimated Date for Completion of Project: September, 2007