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Cc: Historical Commission
Subject: Request regarding the 2011 Acton Community Preservation Plan
To the Committee:

In finalizing the 2011 Acton Community Preservation Plan, I hope that you will consider adding the following condition regarding applications for historic properties.

I note that the application instructions ask an applicant to attach the existing historic properties inventory form, if applicable and existing. The information included in these documents is highly relevant to the scope of any project involving a historic property, and is also vital to the committee's decision about whether a proposed use of funds is appropriate to that property. It is also a necessary part of applying the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation to the work.

I therefore request that, if no inventory form exists for a subject property that includes built resources over 60 years old, then the production of such an inventory form should be a required part of the project scope. (The Historical Commission may want to request a different cut-off date - possibly 50 or 70 years.) For a single building, including \$300 in the funding request for this purpose should be adequate.

I believe an up-to-date inventory form is essential in informing the public, the committee, and at times even an applicant, about the nature and the significance of any historic properties that may be considered for CPA funding. This is true not just for historic preservation requests, but for the other three funding areas as well.

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