Regarding the application for CPC funding for the repairs/restoration of the steeple of the Saint Nicholas United Methodist Church at 130 Spring Street, in Hull.

This building id owned by the Methodist Church and all upkeep and maintenance is the responsibility of the congregation of the Saint Nicholsa UM Church.

All repairs/restoration work will be preformed according to the guidelines contained in the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the treatment of Historic Properties.

Sincerely,

James Pitrolo, Trustee





CPC Grant Application Request 2023

Church Steeple Preservation

St. Nicholas United Methodist Church

Project Description

 Goals: The goal is the preservation of the steeple on Saint Nicholas United Methodist Church, 130 Spring Street, Hull. The steeple is suffering from degradation of the wood shingle siding and other wooden features which, if not addressed, will continue to allow water and weather to invade and further degrade the steeple and potentially the sanctuary below.

This 100-year-old building, built in 1882, is a historic structure across the street from Hull's historic Town Hall and Fire Station. Preservation of the steeple of this sanctuary meets the CPC goal of Acquire, Rehabilitate, Restore, and Preserve Historic Resources. This project is a stand-alone project that will not commit the CPC to future initiatives. It will advance the historic preservation goal outlined in Hull's current planning document.

- 2. Community Need and Public Benefit -Preservation of this historic building which is an integral part of the old town green in Hull Village is for the benefit of all citizens of Hull. The building is open to the public for church services and special occasions and is a reconciling congregation where all are welcome. This building and its steeple, along with the historic old Town Hall and Fire Station, represent the early history of Hull.
- 3. **Timeline:** This project will be completed in 2024, as weather permits, to prevent further damage to the steeple.
- 4. **Success Factors:** The success of this project will be the completion of the work necessary to preserve the steeple and maintain its historic integrity.
- 5. **Credentials:** The work will be done by experienced steeple jacks who specialize in historic preservation.

- 6. **Other funding:** The church lacks the reserves to complete this project without borrowing funds. The church can supplement the project with limited funds available for maintenance.
- 7. **Maintenance:** The church has adequate funds in our budget to perform ongoing maintenance of the steeple once repaired.