



5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WELLS & OGUNQUIT

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“Preserving the treasures of the past as an investment for the future.”

For more than fifty years, the Historical Society of Wells & Ogunquit has made its home in the iconic 1862 First Church Meetinghouse. The Meetinghouse Museum contains artifacts from the native Abenaki people, local families, fishermen, farms, artists, and businesses, and tells the enduring story of Wells & Ogunquit. The Meetinghouse is also the home of the Esselyn Perkins Library, one of the finest genealogical collections in Southern Maine. The library contains family histories, extensive historical references, as well as town histories for Maine and New England.

We serve the community in numerous areas of research, study, education, and outreach that pertain to the towns of Wells & Ogunquit, the State of Maine, and New England. The building, archives, libraries, and collections that we preserve speak to local, national, and international historical narratives that contribute to the development of our culture and society.

To ensure our historic resources and programs continue to serve the community for the next half-century, or more, the Board of Directors has prepared the following 5-Year Capital Plan. Our plan addresses the needs and goals of the HSWO, including building repairs, infrastructure upgrades, and program improvements, and was informed by an energy audit performed in October 2020. Each project is in-keeping with the Society’s mission and goals of preserving the treasures of the past and sharing these cultural resources with all generations. We intend to seek funding for these projects through a combination of civic/town grants, private foundations, fundraising, events, and our annual fund appeal.

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The following figures are based on contractor cost estimates, the results of an Energy Audit performed for HSWO in October 2020, and prior experience. Estimates will be updated annually as projects are further developed or completed.

CAPITAL PROJECT	SCOPE	COST	MISSION FOCUS AREA
Paint Library & Tower	Paint exterior of Library, Meetinghouse tower and front façade.	\$25,000	Preserving Our Building & Site
Install Heat Pumps in Meetinghouse & Library	Install heat pumps (incl. A/C) to make the meetinghouse a functional, income-producing space year-round, particular during the warm summer months.	\$21,000 (Meetinghouse) \$14,000 (Library & Museum)	Respecting Our Environment
ADA Upgrades (New Ramp & Vertical Lift)	Replace existing ramp and add a roof hood over door, possibly over ramp as well. Install a small-scale elevator for the second-floor library, which is not currently ADA accessible.	\$13,000 (Ramp & Roof) \$50,000 (Vertical Lift)	Serving Our Community -Physical Accessibility
Signage Upgrades	Replace front letter sign and install signage on the Library.	\$8,000	Communication & Outreach
Digitize Collections	Scan & photograph our collections and add to our database. Make available online.	\$11,500	Serving Our Community -Research Support
Bell Restoration	Remove and restore bell and supports, repair tower stairs.	\$90,000	Preserving Our Building & Site

Photographs of Project Areas



Exterior of Library & Museum, showing deteriorated paint finish.



Primary entrance for the Library & Museum does not have identifying signage.

Current ADA ramp showing wear and lack of railings. Second floor Library is not ADA accessible.



Exterior letter sign showing wear.



1869 Naylor & Vickers Bell showing broken support arm.