

**Appendix 1 – Millis Community Preservation Funding Request**

**Date:** 9/12/17

**Project Title:** Niagara Fire Engine House records

**Full Name of Entity Submitting Application:** Millis Historical Commission

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Purpose: Please check all that apply:

Open Space

Community Housing

Historic Preservation

Open Space / Recreation

Amount of CPA Funding Requested: \$ 7,000 ( Provide summary below)

Estimated Costs:

Fiscal Year*	Total Project Cost	CPA Funds requested	Other Funding Sources and Amounts
<del>2017</del> 2018	\$6,740.45	\$7,000	
2018			
2019			
2020			
2021			

\* Fiscal year begins on July 1 of the previous calendar year

## Niagara Fire Engine House Records

The Historical Commission received the records of the Niagara Fire Engine House earlier this spring from Chief Barrett of the Fire department. The commission was aware of the original log and record books but did not know of their exact location until the chief presented them to us shortly before the grand reopening of the fire station.

The log books date back to 1857 and activity in the books end in 1933. There are two books in need of preservation, book one details the department from 1857-1865; the second book has activity from 1926-1933.

The log books along with the hand tubs precede the construction of the fire house 1878 by approximately 21 years. The log books depict the beginning of the East Medway # 4 volunteer Fire Department and the calls the company endured throughout its tenure.

Both books are in need of deacidification and paper stabilization, new bindings and encapsulation for future preservation.

# W. R. DYER BOOKBINDING

DOCUMENT CONSERVATION

207 THATCHER STREET

HAND BOOKBINDING

WESTWOOD, MA 02090

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CONSERVATION RE: NIAGRA FIRE ENGINE HOUSE RECORDS

BOOK 1 1857 - 1865, 121 Leaves, 10" x 8"

BOOK 2 1926 - 1933, 126 Leaves, 13 1/2" x 8 1/4"

COPYING:

BOOK 1 Double Sided Black and White copies

BOOK 2 Double Sided Black and White copies

PAPER: Byron Weston Linen Record Acid-free 32lb.

TOTAL \$386.45

LIBRARY BINDING of Copies:

Machine sewn, covered in Acid-Free Buckram with Gold Lettering on spine \$ 98.00 ea.

DEACIDIFICATION: Each leave will be treated with Bookkeepers solution achieving an Alkaline Buffer

BOOK 1 Disassemble and Treat \$860.00

BOOK 2 Disassemble and Treat \$1060.00

PLEASE NOTE: The blue paper in Book 1 shows no signs of embrittlement whereas the paper in Book 2 is in advance stages of embrittlement

MILLIS HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
CONSERVATION QUOTATION  
NIAGRA FIRE ENGINE HOUSE RECORDS

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ENCAPSULATION:

BOOK 2 Each leave will be encapsulated in 4 mil polyester film with an additional reinforced hinge area to prevent stress on the document while turning the page.

\$2850.00

POST BINDER:

BOOK 2 Each leave will be punched for a handmade binder of 1/2 leather with black sturdite panels. The binder will have a flexible leather spine with Gold Lettering and Gold Tooling. The leather corners will also be tooled. Handmade marble paper will be used for end leaves.

\$ 850.00

NOTE: As Conservators we cannot destroy or conceal any text (ie. in the binding margin) without written permission from the client.

This quote provides only a basic description of the work involved in each step. Our conservation projects represent the most labor intensive handwork and the utmost quality materials. We would be happy to discuss the project in greater detail with you at any time. Thank you for the opportunity to present our assessment.