

January 28 ,2025

Mr. Connor O'Shea

East Longmeadow Town Council

60 Center Square

East Longmeadow, Ma. 01028

Dear Mr. O'Shea

On behalf of the East Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee, the committee recommended the Town Hall Bell Restoration Project application by a unanimous vote. A motion was made at our November 14,2024 meeting to approve the application at the full amount. All of the funds were recommended to come out of the public Recreation CPC Fund account. The amount requested in the application was \$12,000.00 which also listed the separate expenses that would be associated with the project.

The Application will include a description of the work being done and the amount of time to accomplish this job.

Attached along with this recommendation letter is the original application submitted to the Committee. I will make myself available for questions and information if needed at the Town Council meeting that this item is scheduled for.

Yours respectfully,

William Fonseca

Chair, East Longmeadow Community Preservation Committee.



**Community
Preservation Coalition**
Preserving our past. Building our future.



**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL, 60 CENTER SQUARE
EAST LONGMEADOW, MA 01028
PROJECT PROPOSAL FORM**

RECEIVED

OCT 31 2024

Town Manager's Office
East Longmeadow MA

PROJECT TITLE: Town Hall Bell Restoration

CPA Funding Requested: \$ 12,000.00 Total Project Cost: \$ 12,000.00

Name of Applicant: Thomas M. Behan

Sponsoring Organization (if applicable): East Longmeadow Historical Commission

Mailing Address: 31 Brook Street

City: East Longmeadow State: MA Zip: 01028

Daytime Phone: 413-530-0211 Email: tombehan@charter.net

Are supporting documents attached to this form? Yes Number of Pages: 12

Please indicate to which of the Community Preservation categories this project applies:

- Open Space Preservation Historic Preservation
Affordable Housing Public Recreation

PLEASE ATTACH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION. Please respond to each question separately, indicating the question number. Please type all responses.

1. General project description and goals and projected schedule for project completion, including target dates for interim tasks and goals.
2. Community Need: Why is this project needed?
3. Community Support: What is the nature of support for this project?
4. Budget: What is the total budget for the project and how will CPA funds be spent? All items of expenditure for CPA funds must be clearly identified. What other funding sources have been committed for this project? (use Budget Form provided)
5. Maintenance: If ongoing maintenance is required for this project, how will it be funded and who will be responsible?
6. Project location: Please include a map showing property location and any schematic drawings of the proposed project as appropriate.

Additional information, if applicable:

7. Documentation that the applicant has control over the site.
8. Evidence that the project conforms to the conservation, zoning, building and other regulations of the Town of East Longmeadow.

Applicant's Printed Name: Thomas M Behan

Applicant's Signature: *Thomas M Behan* Date: 10/28/2024

For Community Preservation Committee Use

Received on: _____ Project Number: _____
Reviewed on: _____ Recommendation: _____ Amount: _____



**COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL, 60 CENTER SQUARE
EAST LONGMEADOW, MA 01028
BUDGET FORM**

Project Name: Town Hall Bell Ringer Wheel Replacement

Applicant: Thomas M Behan

SOURCES OF FUNDING		
Source	Amount	
Community Preservation Act Fund	\$12,000	
Total Project Funding	\$12,000	
PROJECT EXPENSES		
Expense	Amount	Indicate if expense is funded by CPA
	\$3,750	Sandblast, powder coat the cast iron yoke and "A" stands. Soft blast and clear coat the bell.
	\$3,500	Fabricate new steel wheel, powder coat (standard design, not original)
	\$2,000	Shipping to and from, rigging, palletizing.
	\$1,750	New Redstone base, Installation.
	\$1,000	Hardware, misc expenses
Total Project Expenses	\$12,000	

CPC Application requirements

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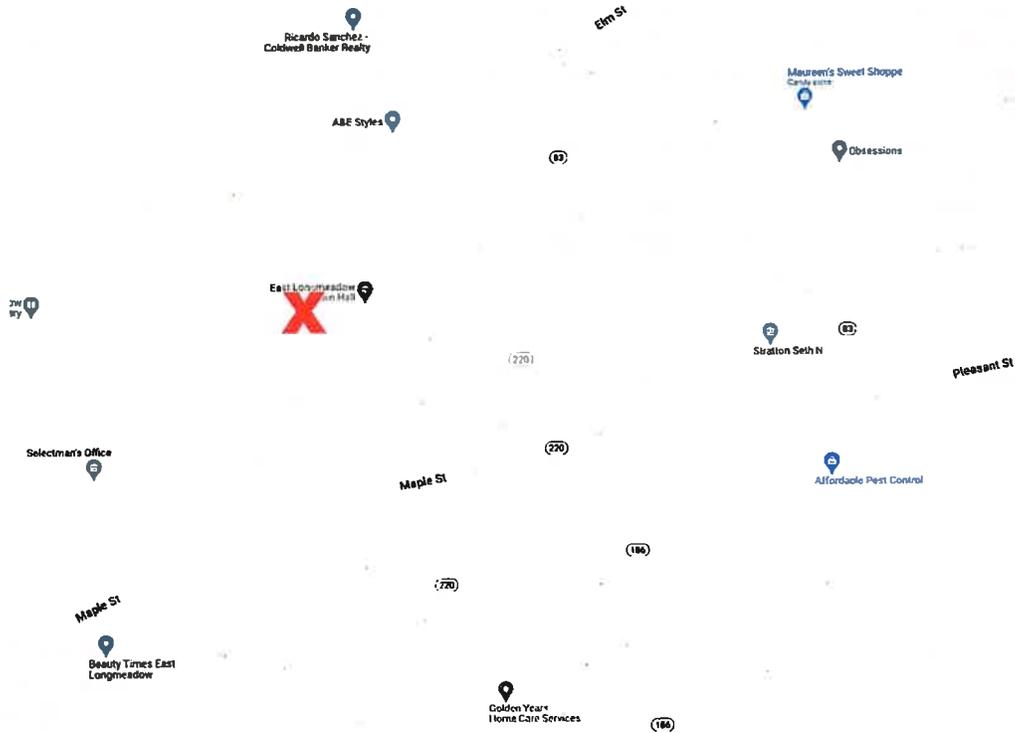
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Responses

1. The town hall bell located on the south east lawn of the town hall is in need of repair. The wooden ringer wheel was deteriorating rapidly, removed and stored at the Historical Museum. We propose a restoration of the bell and all of its components, and the purchase of a powder coated metal period correct wheel. The bell would need to be sent to a restoration firm to have the work performed. Proposed work would be, sand blasting and powder coating the iron frame. Bead blasting the bell to preserve some of the patina and clear coat. Providing a historically accurate reproduction steel wheel and reassembly. Bids will be prepared by the time of application. Progress would begin immediately, contingent upon funding. Lead time for services to be provided by vendors.
2. Historical preservation. Weather is taking a toll on the 138 year old bell exposed to the elements.
3. The East Longmeadow Historical Commission fully and enthusiastically supports this initiative. We hope for much support from the community. We have the support of the Town Manager and DPW and hope to have the support of the CPC and Town Council.
4. \$12,000. We are unable to contribute financially but will contribute with our time and labor.
5. High quality powder coating on the metal should last for many years.
6. In the Town Hall southern front lawn, 60 Center Square.
7. Please see attached endorsement from DPW Superintendent Bruce Fenney.
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**Project location:
Town Hall 60 Center Square
East Longmeadow, MA 01028 - Front southern lawn.**





TOWN OF EAST LONGMEADOW
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
60 CENTER SQUARE
EAST LONGMEADOW, MA 01028

Bruce Fenney, Superintendent

bruce.fenney@eastlongmeadowma.gov
(413) 525-5400 ext. 1201

George Kingston
Historical Commission
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

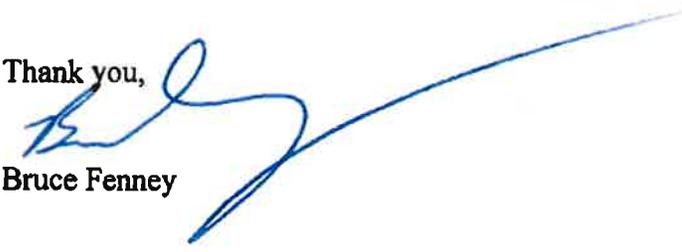
RE: Town Hall Bell Restoration Project

Dear Mr. Kingston, Thank you for reaching out to discuss the bell restoration project, headed up by the Historical Commission.

The bell was taken out of the tower roughly 4 years ago and mounted on a piece of red stone on the front lawn of Town Hall so residents could enjoy. The department of public works plan was to restore the wooden ringer, but have had many obstacles on completing this task over the past few years.

I'm in support of your request to refurbish the bell to its original condition and looking forward to the completion of this project.

Thank you,


Bruce Fenney



P.O. Box 936
ChimeMaster.com
1-800-344-7464

October 10, 2024

Bronze Bell Restoration Proposal

Project Name: East Longmeadow Historical Commission

Attention: Tom Behan
East Longmeadow Historical Commission
60 Center Square
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

Project description. Town to ship or deliver 1884, 28" diameter Meneely, West Troy bell to Chime Master Systems, 6312 Goss Road, Sugar Grove, OH 43155-9610.

Chime Master to:

1. Sandblast and powder coat the cast iron yoke and "A" stands and to blast and clear coat the bell.
Cost \$3,750. 00
2. Fabricate new steel wheel, powder coated (standard design, not original)
Cost \$3,500

NOTE: This wheel can be purchased and installed on the bell at any time in the future.

Return shipping cost will be added to the final invoice.

Terms, 50 % deposit with order, and balance on completion.

Mail to deposit or pay by ACH transfer, or credit card:

Chime Master Systems
PO box 936
Lancaster OH 43130

Submitted by

Joe Duffy

Manufacturer's Representative
Chime Master Systems

Accepted By

Date

Chime Master Systems □ P.O. Box 936 □ Lancaster OH 43130



BELL AND BELL EQUIPMENT ORDER FORM

THE VERDIN COMPANY
 444 READING ROAD - CINCINNATI, OHIO - 45202
 PHONE: (513) 241-4010 - 1-800-543-0488 - FAX: (888) 298-0597
 www.VERDIN.COM

DATE: REVISED 11/16/2022

SOLD TO: Town of East Longmeadow
 CONTACT: Mary McNally
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____
 STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 TELEPHONE: _____ FAX: _____

INSTALL AT: Town of East Longmeadow
 CONTACT: Mary McNally
 ADDRESS: 60 Center Square
 CITY: East Longmeadow
 STATE: MA ZIP: 01028
 TELEPHONE: (413)525-5400 FAX: _____

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BELL EQUIPMENT BELL RINGING EQUIPMENT SWINGING BELL RINGER _____ VERDIN STRIKER _____ VIBRO-ISOLATOR _____ SOLENOID _____ OTHER BELL RINGING EQUIP. _____ BELL HARDWARE BELL FRAME _____ A-STANDS w/BEARINGS _____ WHEEL _____ YOKE _____ HEADPIECE/CLAPPER/PIN/SPRING _____ X _____ CLAPPER COMPONENTS _____ OTHER BELL HARDWARE _____ BELL CONTROL EQUIPMENT DIGITAL BELL CONTROLLER _____ REMOTE CONTROL _____ CLOCK INTERFACE _____ CARILLON MASTER BELL PLAYER _____ OTHER BELL CONTROL EQUIP. _____ BELLS NEW BELLS _____ RECONDITIONED BELLS _____ SANDBLAST/POLISH/PAINT _____ INSCRIPTIONS _____ INSTALLATION <u>Installation by Verdin Labor</u> FREIGHT <u>SHIPPING PRICE INCLUDED - FOB Verdin Factory</u> APPROXIMATE DELIVERY DATE <u>Delivery will be determined after receipt of All, by Verdin: Order signed by both parties, deposit payment, and approved drawings and submittals.</u> <u>All delivery dates subject to final acceptance by The Verdin Co.</u>	1	PROPOSAL FOR NEW BELL HARDWARE, REMOVE OLD CLAPPER & HEAD BOLT AND REPLACE WITH NEW. WHEEL NOT INCLUDED IN THIS REVISED PROPOSAL NEW HEADPIECE & REMOVABLE CLAPPER FOR CEREMONY RINGING AS REQUIRED MANUALLY **SEE ATTACHED SPECIFICATIONS TWO SITE VISITS INCLUDED. (1) FOR REMOVING HARDWARE AND SECOND TO INSTALL NEW EQUIPMENT. If Verdin Install See Item 5 on Additional Terms and Conditions for Customer Responsibilities. If Customer Install, Verdin will Provide Installation Instructions, Operators Manual, Wiring Diagrams, and Free Telephone Technical Support. ALL SHIPPING & INSTALLATION INCLUDED
		SUBTOTAL (excluding tax)* \$10,326.00 Estimated Taxes. (Actual Taxes to be Calculated at Invoicing) Deposit (50% w.Order)* \$5,163.00 INTERIM PAYMENT DUE BALANCE DUE UPON SHIPMENT* \$5,163.00
Specify Other Payment Terms Below		*Add cost of accepted options to total purchase price and deposit. PURCHASER RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYING ALL TAXES.

Purchaser _____

Sales Representative JEFF LEWIS EASTERN MANAGER 800-786-5380

Authorized Signature _____
 By signing, Purchaser acknowledges that it has read and accepted the attached Additional Terms & Conditions which are incorporated into this Order.

Sales Signature _____
 Corporate Signature _____

Title _____ Date _____

Date REVISED 11/16/2022

Smith's Bell and Clock INC.

5941 E. N. County Line Rd.
Camby, IN 46113
317-847-4092
888-469-4442

www.smithsbellandclock.com

PRICE QUOTATION

DATE : 09-20-22
TERMS: NET 30
FOB: MOORES, IN

SHIP VIA: BESTWAY
email: jjjjsmith317@yahoo.com

TO: East Longmeadow, bell restoration – Mr. Ken Hancock

Smith's Bell and Clock Service inc
J.J. Smith, Owner 317-847-4092
www.smithsbellandclock.com



Bell Repair: 28" Meneely

TIME AND MATERIAL NOT TO EXCEED, FOR BELL RESTORATION. FABRICATE NEW WOODEN BELL WHEEL, MAKE ANTIQUE FASTENERS WHERE NECESSARY, POLISH BELL. SHIPPING INCLUDED. MACHINE WORK FOR CAST IRON CLAPPER, AND YOKE SHAFTS IF REQUIRED. MUSEUM DISPLAY PIECE ONLY. WE RECOMMEND NEW STEEL BELL FRAMES, WHEELS, IF BELL IS TO BE FUNCTIONAL.

Total cost of investment: \$10,500.00

PRICES DO INCLUDE INSTALLATION, BUT NOT PERMITS, TAXES OR FEES IF REQUIRED. ON SITE WIRING IS NOT INCLUDED IN THE SCOPE OF WORK. SAFE ACCESS FOR REMOVAL AND RE-INSTALLATION OF ITEMS RESPONSIBILITY OF CLIENT. (CRANE OR LIFT) **SHIPPING IS INCLUDED.**

This is an estimate only, not a contract. This estimate is for completing the job described above, based on our evaluation. It does not include unforeseen price increases or additional labor and materials which may be required should problems arise. Standard manufacturing warranty to ensure quality craftsmanship and workmanship, 3 years. Damage due by fire, flood, lightning, or end user is not covered under manufacturing warranty. All lifts, or permits, if applicable is the sole responsibility of the client. On site wiring is included in scope of work. (reuse)

Condition of original bell



The town hall bell was manufactured by the Meneely Bell Co. from Troy, NY in 1884. It was purchased during the construction of the now town hall that predates the founding of the town.

Examples of restorations and a time period steel ringer wheel. A wooden wheel replacement would be much more expensive and require yearly maintenance in the current location.



Historical information about the manufacturer of the 1884 Town Hall Bell



Since 1826, there have been two Meneely Foundries, based on either side of the Hudson River in New York state.

The first Meneely bell foundry was established in 1826 in West Troy (now Watervliet), New York,[1] by Andrew Meneely, a former apprentice in the foundry of Benjamin Hanks.[2] Two of Andrew's sons continued to operate the foundry after his death, and it remained a family operation until its closure.

The second Meneely bell foundry was established in 1870 by a third son, Clinton H. Meneely, across the river in Troy, New York. Initially he was in partnership with George H. Kimberly, under the name Meneely & Kimberly; this second foundry was reorganized in 1879 as the Clinton H. Meneely Bell Company, then later as the Meneely Bell Company. Like its related competitor, it remained a family operation until its closure.

Business cards for both of the competing Meneely bell foundries appearing in the Troy Daily Times May 20, 1891

The two foundries competed vigorously (and sometimes bitterly) with each other. Together, they produced about 65,000 bells before they both closed in 1952.



East Longmeadow Historical Commission

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