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February 18, 2025

Town of Swanton Select Board Members
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1 Academy Street
Swanton, VT
Subject: Funding Request for Historic Bank Building Museum Project

Dear Swanton Select Board,

I am writing on behalf of the Swanton Historical Society to request financial support from the Town of Swanton for an important preservation and revitalization effort: transforming the historic Swanton Bank building into a museum at 21 Merchants Row. This project presents a unique opportunity to preserve our town's history while strengthening the economic and cultural vitality of our downtown commerce district.

The Swanton Bank building, a landmark of our community since 1851, holds significant historical and architectural value. By repurposing it as a museum, we aim to:

- **Preserve Local History:** The museum will showcase e.g., the town's economic history, notable figures, and community heritage.
- **Boost Local Economy:** Museums attract visitors, increasing foot traffic for local businesses, restaurants, and shops.
- **Create a Community Hub:** The space will be used for educational programs, rotating exhibits, and public events, making history accessible and engaging for residents and visitors alike. : Abenaki, Missisquoi Wildlife Refuge, Commerce, Agriculture, Maple Sugaring, Trains, Marble Mill, Early Settlers, etc.

To start to bring this vision to life, we are seeking \$42,082.81 to assist with work needed to be completed before we can move into the building. This funding will complement other sources we are actively pursuing, including grants, and a fundraising campaign for operational expenses, restoration, and future events.

We welcome the opportunity to discuss this request in further detail and explore ways the town can support this initiative. I can provide tours of the Bank Building highlighting its unique details, historical value and the work needed to be completed.

Thank you for your time and consideration. We believe this project will serve as a lasting investment in our town's history, culture, and economic future. I look forward to your response and the possibility of working together to make this vision a reality.

Sincerely,
Heather Lavoie, Swanton Historical Society Board Member

Swanton Historical Society Museum Move-In Ready

Quotes

Triple P Painting, Swanton	19,000.00	Interior and Exterior painting
DSP Electric	1050.00	Recess outlets
A-1 Flooring	8,135.50	Upstairs carpet removal, Lower level linoleum installation
One Digital	2,497.31	Building Insurance
Mike Reed, Plumbing	2,500.00	2 toilets and 3 sinks

33,182.81

Estimations

Drop Down Ceiling Removal	800	2 laborers @ 25/hr 16 hours, plus dump run
DSP Electric	1000	Clean up wiring/lights after ceiling removal
Hardwood Refinishing	4600	Upper level @600sq. Ft.
Signage	2500	Frame installed, need sign made

8,900

Total: \$42,082.81

Time line : best case 4 - 6 months, up to 1 to 1.5 years

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Triple P Painting

296 St. Albans Rd

Swanton, Vermont 05488

No.

DATE Feb 13 2025

ORDER NO.

02-868-7113 or 802-309-8038

NAME Swanton Historical Society

ADDRESS 235 Swanton

CITY, STATE, ZIP Swanton VT 05488

SOLD BY CASH C.O.D. PAID OUT CHARGE MERCHANDISE RETURNED

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
A	Complete painting Project interior and exterior Commercial building		
B	interior part of project, painting, prime walls, ceilings, and trim on 2200 sq ft.		
C	Exterior part of project to be done. Scrape, prime and paint all window trim, and trim on the outside of building, and a bun board sign on building.		
D	Total labor charge and materials supply by triple P Painting		19,000.00
E	Also donating time on outside free!		
SIGNATURE RJP			

ESTIMATE

DSP Electric
95 Lasnier Rd
Swanton, VT 05488-9626

david.stpierre.electric@gmail.com
+1 (802) 582-8024

Bill to
Heather Lavoie

Ship to
Heather Lavoie

Estimate details

Estimate no.: 1010

Estimate date: 02/13/2025

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.			Install outlets into flush floor boxes			
2.		Services	Parts/Labor			\$1,050.00
					Total	\$1,050.00

Accepted date

Accepted by

ESTIMATE

A-1 Flooring LLC
127 Grand Ave
Swanton, VT 05488

a1carpet3700@yahoo.com
802-868-3700



Bill to
Swanton Historical Society
21 Merchants Row
Swanton, VT 05488

Ship to
Swanton Historical Society
21 Merchants Row
Swanton, VT 05488

Estimate details

Estimate no.: 1399

Estimate date: 02/12/2025

#	Date	Product or service	Description	Qty	Rate	Amount
1.		LABOR	Removal of Upstairs Carpet & Carpet Strips	635	\$5.00	\$3,175.00
2.		LABOR	Install VCT Downstairs 15x20 with a 6x6 jut out 15x15 vault room 14x5 hallway	700	\$4.00	\$2,800.00
3.		VCT	12x12 Polar White Imperial White VCT instock	700	\$1.50	\$1,050.00
4.		LABOR	Remove and ReInstall 4" Black Vinyl Base Cove Molding Does not include price of actual material if needed to replace	150	\$3.00	\$450.00
5.		LABOR	Remove and Reinstall Toilet	2	\$100.00	\$200.00
6.		Misc Installation Supplies	VCT Adhesive	5	\$75.00	\$375.00
					Subtotal	\$8,050.00
					Sales tax	\$85.50
					Total	\$8,135.50

Accepted date

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From: Erin Glock erin.glock@onedigital.com
Subject: Swanton Historical Society Quote
Date: January 28, 2025 at 2:59 PM
To: heather.lavoie@aol.com



Hi Heather-

I received your voicemail and attached please find a vacant property quote for your newly donated property. This quote is going to cover the building itself at \$187,000 and Liability (if someone were to become injured on the property). Because the property is vacant, I was unable to obtain a quote with our standard carriers and the quote provided is from one of our Surplus Lines carriers. Please take note that the total premium of \$2,497.31 includes a Policy fee of \$125, an Inspection Fee of \$130 and Surplus Lines tax of \$65.31. The tax is charged as the company issuing the policy is not licensed by the State of Vermont and the rates charged have not been approved by the Commissioner of Insurance. Any default on part of the insurer is not covered by the Vermont Insurance Guaranty Association. Once the building is occupied, we can certainly look to get it added to the current Hartford policy the society has.

If you would like to bind this quote, I will need the following returned to me:

- Completed and Signed Terrorism form accepting or rejecting coverage (additional premium applies to accept coverage)
- Completed, signed and dated Supplemental Application
- Signed Inspection /Policy Fee Agreement
- Payment in full amount of \$2,497.31 to Digital Insurance. We have a new payment link if you prefer to pay electronically by card (additional fee applies) or by ACH. We do also offer finance agreements, if you would like to view a finance agreement to consider, please let me know.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Erin Glock

She/Her

Commercial Lines Customer Service Agent, OneDigital
800-296-5722 | White River Junction, VT

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**Swanton Historical Society
Quote.pdf**





Mr. Michael Reed
 35 Amber Ln.
 Swanton, VT 05488

Swanton, VT 05488
 (802) 524-4772

Master Plumber Lic. # P.M. 3727

JOB ESTIMATE

PHONE

DATE

2-18-25

JOB NAME/LOCATION

TO

Swanton Historical Society

JOB DESCRIPTION:

- > - work on 2 toilets & Sinks
- Re-piping whatever needed
- fix water lines & drainage as needed

\$2500.00

THIS ESTIMATE IS FOR COMPLETING THE JOB AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. IT IS BASED ON OUR EVALUATION AND DOES NOT INCLUDE MATERIAL PRICE INCREASES OR ADDITIONAL LABOR AND MATERIALS WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED SHOULD UNFORESEEN PROBLEMS OR ADVERSE WEATHER CONDITIONS ARISE AFTER THE WORK HAS STARTED.

ESTIMATED
JOB COST

Price may change after 30 days

ESTIMATED
BY

Michael Reed

History of the Swanton Bank Building, 21 Merchants Row:

“1850 **The Union Bank** was chartered 1850, with a capital of \$75,000, went into operation 1851.

The first president was Geo. W. Green, Esq., who soon resigned, when Joseph Blake was made president, and continued to hold the office from 1851 until Feb. 15, 1866, when the name of the bank was changed to the **National Union Bank**, and on resignation of Mr. Blake the Hon. Wm. L. Sowles was chosen president, and has continued such president (Feb. '75).

The cashiers have been

E.A. Kendrick, from 1851 to '53;

V.P. Noyes, '53 to '54;

Thos. M. Benton '54 to '55;

N. A. Lasell, from July 29, '55 to Jan. 12, 1869, when E.M. Sowles was appointed and held office until January, 1872;

after which G. W. Beebe was chosen, and continues to hold the office at this date (1882).

The operations of the bank compare favorably with those of the most successful in the State.”

- History of the Town of Swanton Vermont, p. 1038

“Milo Barney, a fourth generation of Elisha and Mehitabel was born January 14, 1866 and lived in Swanton since 1875. He was connected with the Barney Marble Works for fifty years, was one of the incorporators of the **Swanton Savings Bank and Trust Co**, and was its vice president and president. He was a selectman for the town for fifty years and was Trustee of the Public Money for fifty four years. He also held the following Village offices: Treasurer 1895-99, President 1903-06 and Trustee 1909-12 and 1916-55. “

The History of Swanton Vermont, p. 24-25

Swanton Savings and Trust Bank Co, after 1882? and until 1957

Chittenden Bank 1957 - May, 1971

Roy Insurance Offices/Owners May, 1971 to Dec. 2024