



## Sperry Park Committee

Hybrid meeting  
January 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm

**To be held via Zoom and in-person**  
Town Hall 1<sup>st</sup> floor meeting room  
Link to join Zoom: <https://bit.ly/SperryParkMtg>

### Meeting Agenda

- I. Call to order
- II. Introduction of members
- III. Discuss draft survey regarding the park, submitted by Amity High School student Sophia McDermott (see attached), and act as necessary
- IV. Discuss project proposal from Jason Morrill (see attached) and act as necessary
- V. Discuss Sperry Park website
- VI. Act as necessary on meeting schedule for FY 2023
- VII. Adjourn

# Proposal for Sperry Park Homestead

2023-01-15

## Reclamation

### Purpose

- Remove the natural overgrowth of the cellar foundation, nearby well, and other homestead features
- Draw attention to the historical aspect of the Park
- Gain interest from the local community to further protect and enhance the park

### Timeline & Scope of work

This work can be accomplished by a team of 3 to 5 volunteers with an estimated total investment of 10 hours. No invasive groundwork such as excavation or meaningful movement of stones will happen.

Jan – Mar 2023

- Clear the inner foundation of all trees, shrubs and other natural growth
- Clear up to 30-feet from the foundation walls of shrubs, dead trees, and any trees which may imminently cause a foundation wall to collapse
- Remove all surface leaves both inside the foundation and up to 30 feet outside

## Maintenance

### Purpose

- Prohibit the regrowth of nature in and around the foundation
- Prohibit buildup of leaves and debris inside and around the foundation
- Remove trash and repair vandalism

### Timeline & Scope of work

This is an on-going task.

Jan – Mar

- Trash clean up
- Cut and clear regrowth of shrubs and saplings

Apr – Jun

- Trash clean up
- Removal of winter blow-down
- Repair any new stonework damage at foundation

Jul – Sep

- Trash clean up

Oct – Dec

- Trash clean up
- Leaf clearing

## Repairs

### Purpose

- Stabilize and repair the cellar foundation walls with the intention of preserving as-is conditions
- Re-stack central chimney footing using dry-stack method with only stones found within the cellar with the intention of having a representation of the original chimney
- Take actions based upon historical research findings

### Timeline & Scope of work

This is an open-ended scope of work with shifting priorities and new items based upon future findings in the historical research. The intention is to repair what remains of the homestead and perhaps minimally restore any points of interest relevant to the Sperry homestead.

## Historical Research

### Purpose

- Collect all historical information related to the Sperry homestead, family, and descendants
- Provide public access to all information
- Offer tangible historical information at Sperry Park via signage
- Encourage public interaction with research and historical learning by allowing easy communication channels

### Timeline & Scope of work

The is an open-ended scope of work. Much work has already been completed by volunteers throughout the years. The items below are offered without specific timelines in this proposal.

Create online presence for public interaction

- Register website, sperrypark.org
- Establish email accounts to allow communication with the public
- Create basic website highlighting happenings at the park, upcoming maintenance, and the historical information

Investigate contents of cellar

- Perform careful excavation of the cellar without impacting structural integrity of the cellar walls
- Present findings to the public
- Highlight such research both in the park, online, and news outlets
- Engage with experts with colonial/historical digs

#### Investigate area around well

- Perform careful work around the site of the old well
- Present findings to the public
- Highlight such research both in the park, online, and news outlets
- Engage with experts with colonial/historical digs
- 

#### Investigate area around mill foundations

- Perform careful work around the sites of the old mills
- Present findings to the public
- Highlight such research both in the park, online, and news outlets
- Engage with experts with colonial/historical digs