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### Tom Rand Carpentry

7 Young's Court  
Provincetown, MA 02657  
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TOWN OF PROVINCETOWN

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TOWN of PROVINCETOWN

ATT: CHARLES COBB, TOWN MANAGER

- MAINTENANCE of TOWN HALL CLOCK:  
ADJUSTMENT of HANDS; DRIVE MECHANISM,  
LUBRICATION; NECESSARY RESETTING DUE TO  
POWER OUTAGES.  
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER of 1979 ... \$ 100.00
  - REPAIRS TO PANELS ON CLOCK FACES  
LABOR: 3 HRS @ \$11<sup>00</sup> (14-15 JUNE 79) ... 33.00  
MATERIALS: LUMBER, HANDLES; FASTENINGS ... 5.00
  - ASSIST ELECTRICIAN with BELL MOTOR REPAIR  
3 HRS. @ 11<sup>00</sup> (29 MAY 79) ... 33.00
  - PHONE CALLS TO CLOCK MANUFACTURERS IN  
CHICAGO AND CINCINNATI (6) ... 26.50
- \$ 197.50

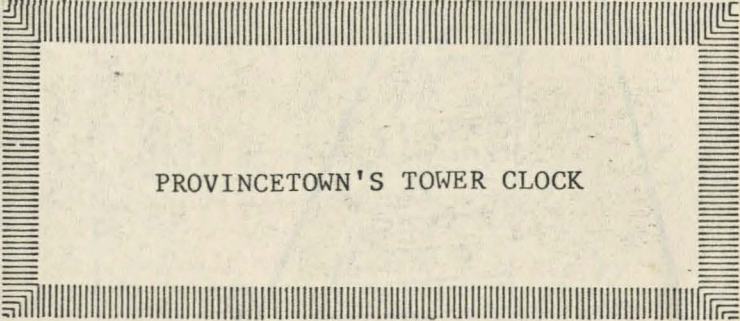
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Compiled by James "Jerry" Maguire -- Cape Cod Clock Watchers

Edited by Myra K. Hicks -- South Wellfleet

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This clock was donated and the installation paid for by an anonymous group of people from Provincetown.

Sometime around 1975, Provincetown's clock stopped. Upon investigating the cause, it was found that pigeons were coming in through the louvers and using the tower for a roosting area. It has been stated that a small mackerel was dropped between the gears, thereby jamming the works. It has also been stated that more than one ton of droppings were removed at that time. However, the louvers have now been covered with wire screen, and at the present time the clock is running and in good repair, thanks to Thomas Rand of Provincetown, the present caretaker.

Bill (Phone - 0872) 10:50 AM

AUG 03 1982

Maintenance of your Hall clock  
has been passed on, with your permission,  
to Joe Notaro from Tom Rand who has  
moved to California. Tom has given  
all info + briefed Joe thoroughly on the mechanics,  
budget, etc for clock. Do you approve  
that Joe N. may assume these duties?

(We came in to enquire while you were in an appt.)  
R



TO: Town Treasurer

FROM: Board of Selectman

As Commissioners of Trust & Gift Funds, permission is hereby granted to you  
to withdraw the amount of \$ 384.36 from the Josephine Johnson Town Hall Clock  
Maint. Fund.  
to be used for : Payment to Tomw Rand Repairs, supplies & Maint.

See attached.

Ray A. Christ

Elizabeth Steele

Dolores M. de Souza

Voted & signed by Act 5 9 May 88  
Dist : Orig : M. Courney  
Copies : J. Richardson  
R. Rowe  
J. Shetman

	ITEM	LABOR	MATERIAL	Balance
4 OCT	T. RING (3 1/2" @ 20 7/16) REPAIR	60 <sup>00</sup>		60 <sup>00</sup>
31 DEC	T. RING, MAINTENANCE (OIL-DRY)	150 <sup>00</sup>		210 <sup>00</sup>
9 APR	T. RING (1 1/2" @ 20 7/16) REPAIR	20 <sup>00</sup>		230 <sup>00</sup>
4 APR	LAND'S END (#06)		450	234.36
14 -	T. RING, MAINTENANCE (OIL-DRY)	150 <sup>00</sup>		384.36

500 COMMERCIAL ST.  
 PROVINCETOWN, MA  
 15 APR 88

TOWN of PROVINCETOWN

REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE of TOWN HALL TOWER CLOCK,  
 JULY 87 THROUGH JUNE 88.

DUE ... .. \$ 384.36

SINCERELY,

*Jim Rand*

SUMMARY ATTACHED



ROOFING  
PAINTING  
GOLD LEAFING  
SLATE REPAIR  
MASONRY WORK  
SHEET METAL WORK

# American Steeple & Tower Co.

CHURCH RENOVATING SPECIALISTS  
Covering New England  
123 NORTH ST. SALEM, MASS. 01970  
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DOMES  
CROSSES  
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April 16, 1994

Proposal submitted to-- Town of Provincetown  
260 Commercial Street  
Provincetown, MA 02657

Attn: Mr. Dick Rowe

Dear Mr. Rowe,

We are pleased to submit the following proposal for your consideration.

RE: Restore clock faces & decorative balls at the top of steeple dormers.

1. Furnish & erect all necessary scaffolding.
2. Remove all numerals, minute markers & hands.
3. Scrape & sand all loose and peeling paint from faces.
4. Apply one full coat of Benjamin Moore ext. oil primer to all faces.
5. Caulk & seal all cracks and openings using a construction grade sealant.
6. Apply one full coat of Benjamin Moore ext. oil finish (black) to all faces.
7. Fabricate & install all new numerals and minute markers, using black plexi-glass, predrilled & secured using all brass screws.
8. Properly prepare and apply Swifts 23k gold leaf to all numerals, minute markers & hands. Hands will have received two full coats of paint prior to gilding.
9. Fabricate & install two new copper balls at top of dormers. Repair two existing balls. Make area water tight.
10. Clean area & haul away all debris.

Price--\$4,320.00

Note: This proposal may be withdrawn by us if not accepted within 30 days.

Acceptance of Proposal \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

If the above is agreeable, please sign the duplicate enclosed and return to this office.

Very truly yours,  
American Steeple & Tower Co.

*Robert G. Levesque, Jr.*  
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Prices as stated above.

Payments to be made upon completion.

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance. We are fully covered by Public Liability and Property Damage.

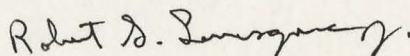
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**INVOICE****0286****(508) 744-7194**

TO

Town of Provincetown

260 Commercial Street

Provincetown, MA 02657

INVOICE DATE	SALESPERSON
June 2, 1994	
SHIP TO	

YOUR ORDER NO.	DATE SHIPPED	SHIPPED VIA	F.O.B. POINT	TERMS	
QTY. ORDERED	B/O	QTY. SHIPPED	DESCRIPTION	UNIT PRICE	TOTAL
			For services rendered:		
			As per contract dated 4/16/94.		\$4,320 00
			RE: Restore clock faces and		
			copper work on town hall.		

**ORIGINAL***Thank You*



To: Chief of Police  
From: Dick Rowe

Town of Provincetown

MASSACHUSETTS 02657  
(508) 487-7020

4-25-97

I have a concern regarding front steps of Town Hall. It has come to my attention bikes and roller blades are using front steps for a recreational pastime most recently as last weekend. I have observed freshly painted area's damaged due to use other than what they were designed for. Unless immediate attention is taken they may be damaged at a costly expense to the town. The steps were constructed last month at a cost of 9500.00 replacing the former brick stairs.

Any input of suggestions from you will be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Community  
Service,

Dick Rowe



**The Provincetown Historical Commission  
260 Commercial Street  
Provincetown, Mass. 02657**

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November 5, 1997

Dear 1997 Preservation Award Winner:

The Provincetown Historical Commission, in its effort to preserve and protect the historic built environment of our town, would like to recognize your vital role toward this end. We commend you for the outstanding work that you have done on your recent project and are pleased to offer you the enclosed certificate as a token of our appreciation. It is through the efforts of individuals like yourself that allow us to honor the past and continue to enjoy the architecture that makes Provincetown so unique.

It is our hope that by your example we can provide positive incentive for future projects and continue to retain Provincetown's distinct historic heritage and individual flavor.

Congratulations!

The Provincetown Historical Commission

Lauren Richmond, chair

Roger Keene

Peter Coes

John Dowd

Rupert Bankert

John Lisbon

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DoPW  
Town Hall  
custodian  
11/7/97*



Provincetown Historical  
Commission

1997 Preservation Award

bestowed upon

*Provincetown Town Hall*

*260 Commercial Street*

in recognition of

*Best Replication of Original Front  
Stairway*

*Lauren Richmond*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Lauren Richmond, chair*

*November 5, 1997*

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*Date*

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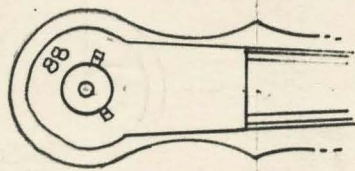
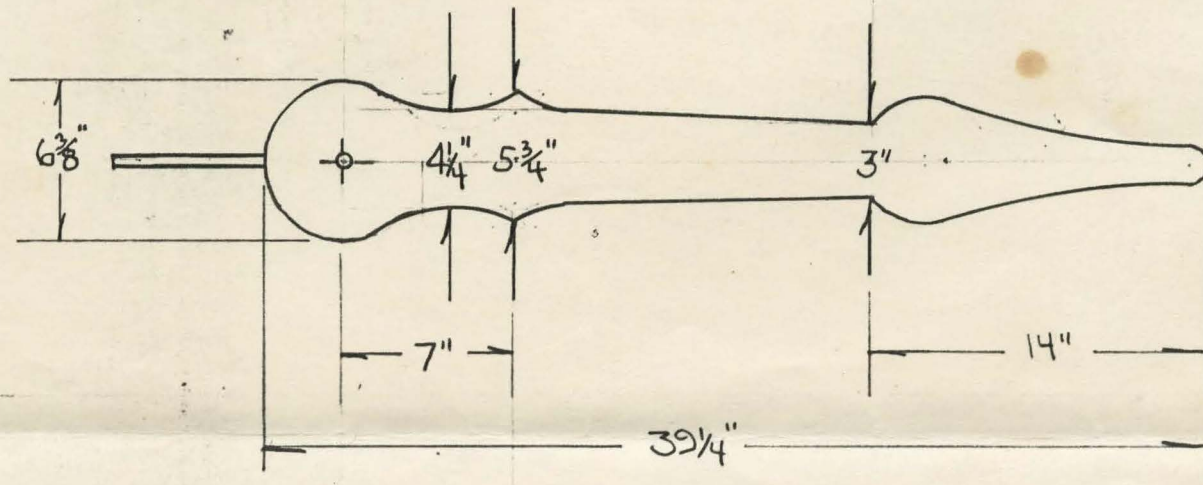
To the Press:

The Provincetown Historical Commission has made its final selection of recipients for their 1997 Preservation Awards. In its effort to preserve and protect the historic built environment of our town, the PHC has chosen outstanding examples of preservation and restoration work done in 1996-1997 that it thinks are especially worthy of recognition. The PHC would like to make examples of the projects as well as the individuals responsible in the hope that these efforts serve as a positive incentive for future work on historic properties in Provincetown. In the category of Most Extensive Residential Restoration we would like to recognize Diana Farrandino, owner/builder, for her "most authentic preservation of an existing structure" at 152 Bradford Street. This property had been long neglected and has now been lovingly and appropriately restored in a way that not only transforms the building but the neighborhood as well. The PHC is particularly pleased at the attention to detail and use of original materials wherever possible. In the same category we recognize Jack Croucher and Bob McCamant, owners and Jade Mortimer, builder for "most authentic window restoration" at 72 Commercial Street. Windows are a major character defining architectural feature and through the painstaking effort of restoring these the "oldest house" maintains its considerable charm. In the category of Most Extensive Commercial Restoration our highest award goes to The Brass Key, 10 Carver Street, Michael MacIntyre, trustee, Golden Hammer, builder for "best historic restoration". In the same category we also recognize Adam Erenberg, owner of The Acropolis, 83 Bradford Street, Deb Paine, contractor, Rob Valois, architectural designer, for "best preservation of existing Victorian front doorway". In the category of Small Scale Commercial Projects our vote goes to The Little Store, 229 Commercial Street, Scott Ravelson, trustee, Eddie and Judy Polay, tenants, Adam Peck, designer for "best restoration of a commercial facade". In the Municipal Category our award goes to Provincetown Town Hall for "best replication of original design" of the newly constructed front entry staircase which was done based on early photographs of the building. There were two "small projects" that because of their nature were not even required to be reviewed by the PHC, but because of their positive visual impact we would like to recognize Bill Burrell, 38 Bradford Street and The Gaspa House, 148 Commercial Street, David Nicolau, owner, for replacement of chain link with white painted wooden fencing.

We thank all the award recipients for their dedication to preserving historic architecture and for the visual streetscapes of our community that are enhanced by their efforts. It is the hope of the Provincetown Historical Commission that by recognizing these fine examples of craftsmanship honoring our architectural past we will encourage future projects to attain equally high standards.

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# MINUTE HAND



DETAIL of REAR of HAND SHOWING COLLAR w/SET SCREWS (2), PLATE w/"88" NUMERAL EMBOSSED, AND RT. ANGLE RIBS

OCT. 1981

MINUTE HAND of TOWN HALL TOWER CLOCK BY: T. RAND SCALE: APPROX.; 1/2" ±



Compiled by: James "Jack" Watcher  
Edited by: Myra K. Hillier

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# HISTORY OF PROVINCETOWN'S TOWN HALL TOWER CLOCK

The Clock – Gift of J.P. Johnson  
The Bell – Gift of John F. Nickerson

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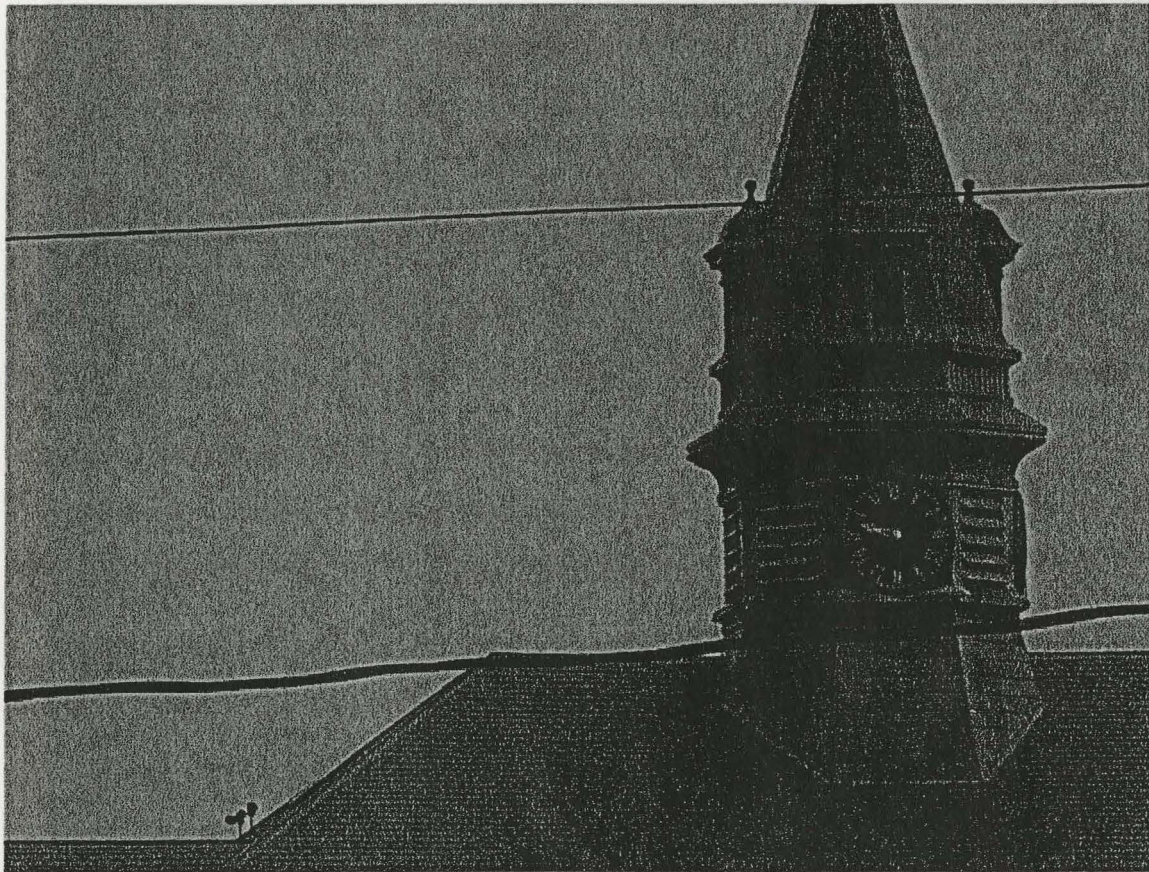
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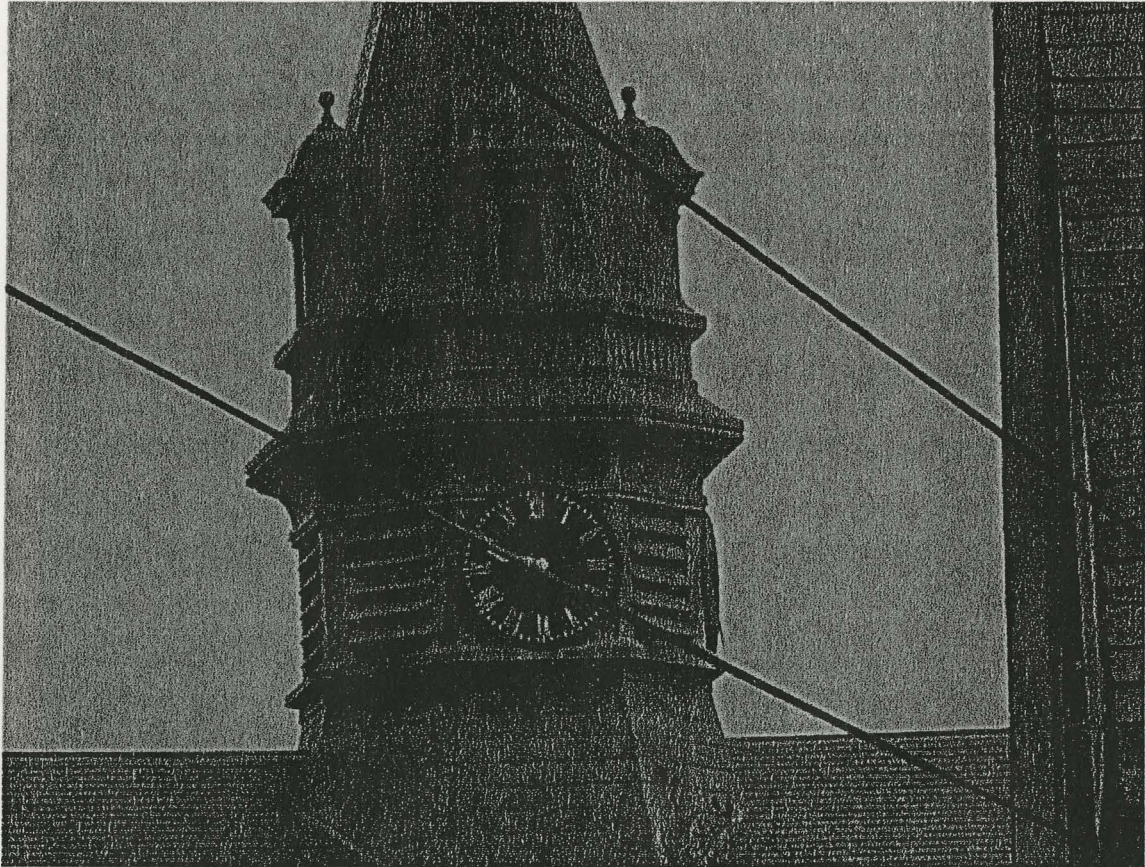
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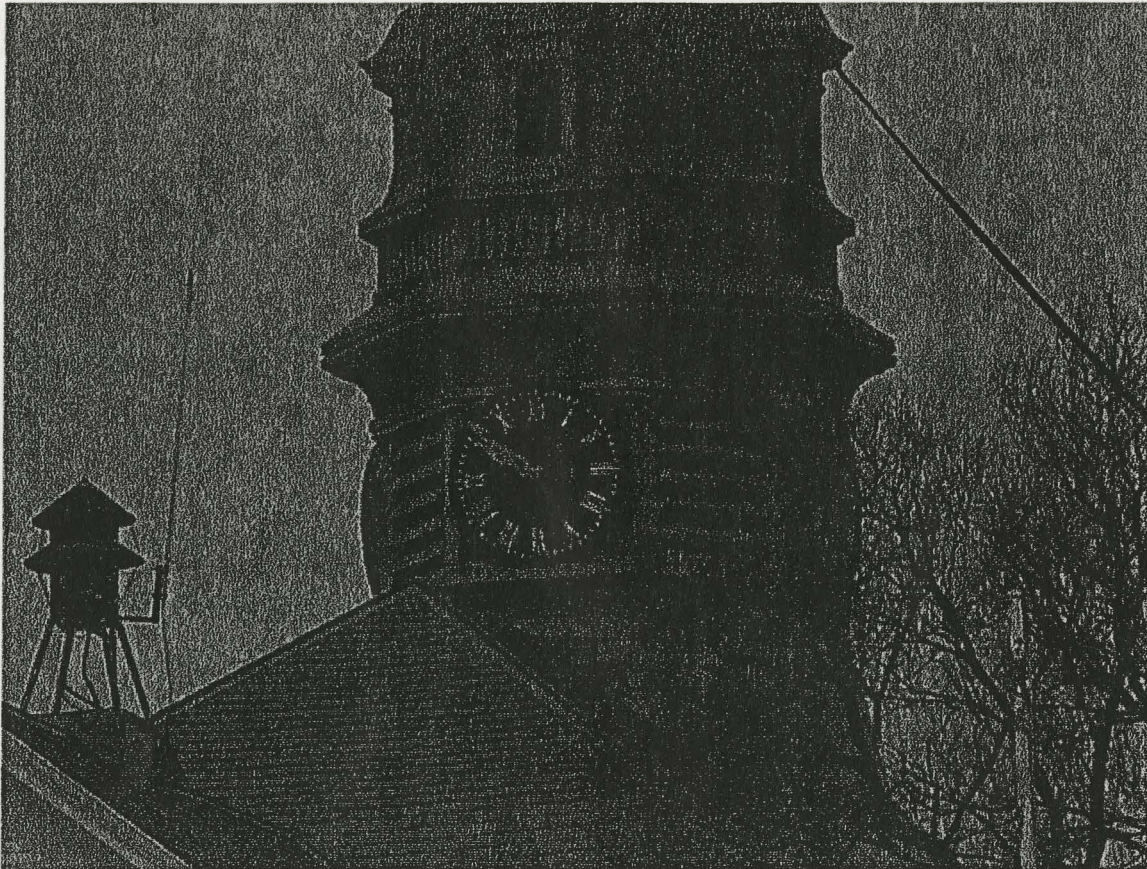
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After you have a chance to review this proposal, please contact Mr. Knowles or the other any questions you might have. We would be happy to assist you in any way.

Assuring you of our complete cooperation in all areas, we are

Sincerely,

Robert J. Verdin III  
 Illinois  
 Enclosure  
 CC: Bill Knowles 1017-475000  
 Mr. Dan Winters 402-448-2440  
 Mr. Tony Lawrence



BELLS • CARILLONS • CLOCKS

October 11, 2006

Sandra M. Turner – Dir. Of Operations  
 Provincetown Public Works  
 26 Alden St.  
 Provincetown, MA 02657

Dear Ms. Turner:

As per a recent meeting with our Bill Knowles and Dan Winterich, I am writing this letter, with a copy of a proposal, that Bill is giving you for the updating of the clock and bell ringing equipment installed at the Town Hall.

The Verdin Company has quite a history with the Town of Provincetown as follows.

- 1953 We started working with the town in offering pricing for the electrification of the old tower clock.
- 1956 We were awarded the contract to update the clock mechanism and striking mechanism for the hour strike on the bell on June 8, 1956.
- We have done some minor servicing through the years.
- 1963 We installed new drive rods for the clock. The original drive rods were re-used on the clock in 1956.
- 1964 We installed new clock hands.
- 1994 We replace a clock hand that was blown off during a wind storm.
- 1997 We offered a contract for new striker and control system for the bell.
- 2002 We shipped a part only to the Town for the clock mechanism.

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III:nlz

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CC: Bill Knowles (617-472-6840)  
 Mr. Dan Winterich (440-449-2406)  
 Mr. Tony Lemme



Creators of the World Peace Bell