

Canaan Historical Society receives \$5k grant

CANAAN—A \$5,000 grant from HRBT Foundation toward repair of a failing and leaking roof at the Canaan Historical Society's 1829 Meeting House, 13 Warner's Crossing Road, has been awarded.

President of the Canaan Historical Society Lauree Hickok and Director of the HRBT Foundation Holly Rappleyea recently announced the grant.

"This is our first grant designated for building repairs. We hope it is the first of many as we move forward with replacing the roof and sealing the structure. We are most grateful

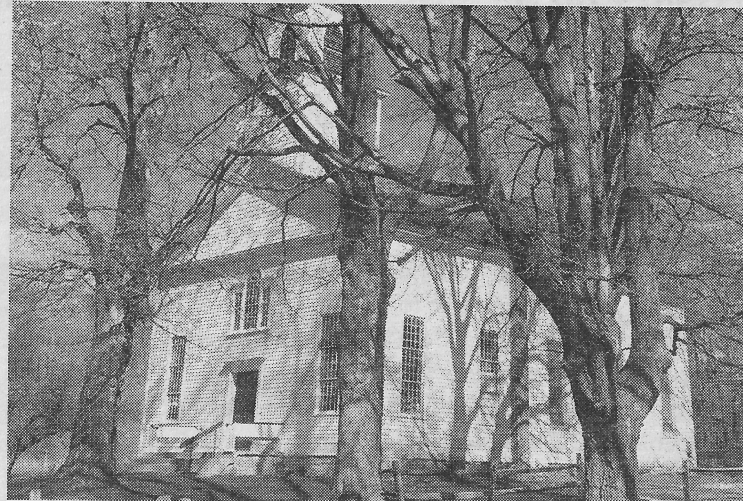
to Holly Rappleyea and HRBT for their generous leadership gift," Ms. Hickok said in a press release.

The Canaan Historical Society has been an integral part of the Canaan community for more than 50 years.

The Town is over 250 years old and its founders signed a "Declaration of Independence from the Crown" June 24, 1776, prior to the broader American Declaration of Independence July 4, 1776.

The Society's headquarters is also a museum in a former church built in 1829.

New leadership of Historical



Dodie Gearing
Canaan Historical Society's 1829 Meeting House at 13 Warner's Crossing Road.

Society was dismayed to discover a significant leak where

roof shingles had failed this Fall. Currently, the roof is open to the elements in one area and water is being caught in buckets below the opening.

Happily, the leak is not in the main body of the museum threatening its collection. The entire roof is soft and in need of replacement. Estimates for re-roofing are in the range of \$20,000.

The Society seeks additional gifts to achieve the funds necessary to complete the roof repair. Donations for the roof repair may be mailed to: Canaan Historical Society, P.O. Box 111, Canaan 12029.