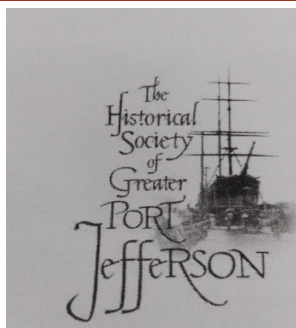

Press Release

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The Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson Receives Generous Support for Historical Roof Repair from the Gardiner Foundation

The Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson is pleased to announce that a grant request to the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation has been awarded. The Historical Society has received a 50% matching grant of \$11,100 to support the Historical Society's project to replace the cedar shingle roof on the Marine Barn and Tool Shed. The Historical Society must match this amount. The roofs on both buildings are very old and have deteriorated over time to the point of leaking. While the roofs have been maintained over time, they have now reached the critical point of replacement. Historical Society President, Nick Acampora, commented that "one of our critical responsibilities as a historical society is the caretaking of our Museum Complex and with this generous support from the Gardiner Foundation we can now move forward with the roof restoration."

The mission of the Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson, which was founded in 1967, is to discover, preserve and disseminate knowledge about the history of the Greater Port Jefferson area. The Mather House Museum includes the home of shipbuilder John T. Mather, a country store, tool shed, butcher and barber shops, post office, carriage house, marine barn, sail loft, consignment shop in an historic home, clock museum and a clock repair school. The museum complex is a popular destination for residents, as well as tourists who visit Port Jefferson in large numbers, particularly in the summer months. The complex is a key resource for local students, parents and teachers who participate in school tours and to learn more about Port Jefferson's history.

The Mather House Museum Complex is open to the public from May to October and for special events throughout the year. It is also open for school trips and for the use of researchers, by appointment. A docent-guided tour is available for the main museum building and the twelve other buildings that make up the complex. Each year, the Historical Society creates a new exhibit; this year's exhibit is "Sea Captains of Port Jefferson." Included in this exhibit are pictures of the many houses that originally belonged to the many sea captains that lived in the Port Jefferson area.

The Historical Society of Greater Port Jefferson is very fortunate and grateful to have the Robert David Gardiner Foundation as a partner in preserving two of its significant and historic buildings and thank them for the generous support.

