Gardiner Grant Restores Old Jailhouse

Sag Harbor Village has completed the renovation and restoration of its Old Jail Museum, built in 1916, with the aid of the Sag Harbor Historical Society, the village’s Superintendent of Public Works Dee Yardley, and with funding from the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, village officials announced earlier this month.

According to Deputy Mayor Ken O’Donnell, the foundation provided the village with a $25,000 matching grant to restore the Old Jailhouse, which is operated as a museum on periodic weekends throughout the year by the Sag Harbor Historical Society. According to Mr. O’Donnell, the funding allowed the village to repoint the bricks on the structure, located next to the Sag Harbor Village Police Department on Division Street, fix its roof, as well as interior improvements like new drywall and painting. While bids for the project came in much higher than expected — climbing to $70,000 — Mr. O’Donnell said Mr. Yardley took the project on himself, with the Public Works department completing the job for $28,000. He thanked Mr. Yardley for his efforts at Tuesday’s village board of trustees meeting.

The remaining monies from the grant, Mr. O’Donnell said, can be used by the historical society to advertise and promote the jailhouse as a part of Sag Harbor history.