



Memorandum

To: Historic Preservation Commission
From: Darci Carlson, Town Clerk
Date: January 18, 2023
Re: **Historic Irrigation Ditch Interpretive Project**

In the August 2, 2022, Historic Preservation Commission meeting, Commissioners recommended the use of salvaged ditch stone for the construction of steps and a monument for an interpretive sign to commemorate the historic irrigation ditch below Tiley Hill (across from the Post Office).

As part of this recommendation, Streets Superintendent Robert George sought quotes from local stone masons to construct both elements. The cost estimate to prep and build the steps and the monument is \$7,000.00.

In addition to the stonework, interpretive research will need to be conducted for a sign. The cost to engage a consultant in this work was quoted as \$2,000 - \$2,500. Production of an interpretive sign to mount on the monument is estimated at \$1,600.00

The Commission should again discuss this project and the costs involved in providing a viable interpretive site for the community and visitors. The next step is to bring the recommendation and cost estimates to the Council for inclusion in the upcoming fiscal year budget.



Image of irrigation ditch area. Steps and an interpretive sign are proposed.