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The Trustees of Cedar Grove Cemetery are celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of the cemetery by initiating a preservation project for the historic Gilman Chapel. Charlie Tevnan, President of the Board of Trustees stated that the chapel is in need of significant exterior and interior work to address water damage that has occurred over time. The preliminary work will include repair of the slate roof, gutters and masonry and extensive interior re-plastering and painting. The Trustees are hoping for financial support from the community for the second phase of this project incorporating the restoration of stained glass windows and renovation of the interior for use by the public for various events. A fundraising campaign to benefit the Gilman Chapel Restoration Fund will kick off in May.

Paula Rush, Office Manager at Cedar Grove Cemetery, reported that Capital Construction of Dorchester has been contracted to begin the preservation work in late April. The work is projected to be complete by late June.

Anyone interested in learning more about this project or contributing to the “Gilman Chapel Restoration Fund” can obtain more information by calling the office at 617 825-1360 or by visiting [www.cgcem.org](http://www.cgcem.org).

