

TOWN OF KINGSTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE
INFORMATIONAL MEETING – GRACE DALEY BARN RENOVATIONS
July 18, 2023
DRAFT MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ POSTINGS

Glenn Coppelman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Town Hall Auditorium. No challenges were made to the validity of the meeting. Proper notice was made by Susan Ayer.

2. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Glenn Coppelman (Selectboard), Phil Coombs (DPW Director), Ernie Landry (Heritage Commission), Lesley Hume (Historical Museum Committee), Bob Bean (Heritage Commission), Walt Roy (Heritage Commission and Museum Committee)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

N/A

4. OLD BUSINESS

N/A

5. NEW BUSINESS

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss findings of Director Coombs' initial assessment of building condition, issues found, and plans to move forward with the renovations to the structure and drainage improvements to the site. DPW staff will be conducting the work which will be done to Secretary of the Interior standards as required by grant monies received to assist with the project. Bill Coleman (the barn expert who conducted the original Assessment in 2020-2021) was invited to the meeting but was unable to attend.

Ms. Hume asked if the barn could be used for interim winter storage of carriages, etc. A final determination will be made once the initial work

38 is done this summer/fall, but there is concern for the “weather tightness”
39 of the structure once lifting/leveling commences.
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41 Ms. Hume stated that it is the Museum Committee’s preference to
42 retain the Ell structure if at all possible. The building is used for
43 Museum programming and, although not of the same time period or
44 construction type as the Grace Daley Barn, is a part of Kingston’s
45 history and should be preserved and used by the town. The group
46 discussed the pros and cons of saving that structure, then moved the
47 meeting next door to view the proposed preservation work.
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49 Director Coombs showed the current condition of the barn and the
50 problems that will be addressed. The first phase will be to lift and level
51 the building, then place it onto stones resting on footings that go below
52 the frost line. Next, interior repairs to woodwork and perimeter stones
53 will be done in combination with earthwork under and around the barn
54 to improve drainage. A dying maple tree near the barn will be removed.
55 A new roof will be installed next year. The vertical board siding on
56 Town Hall exposure will be replaced.
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58 The Ell is currently attached to the barn. It will be “cut away” from the
59 barn before the lifting begins. The stability of the Ell will be made
60 clearer at that time. It was the consensus of the group that any further
61 action to, or disposition of, the Ell will be discussed at a future meeting
62 of this group. Mr. Coombs will alert Mr. Coppelman when enough
63 information is known about the Ell to call the next meeting.
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65 **6. NEXT MEETING DATE CONFIRMED / ADJOURN**

66 Next meeting is TBD.
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68 Mr. Coppelman declared the meeting adjourned at 5:30 PM.