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HINSDALE HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES GRANT

The NH Preservation Alliance, in partnership with the 1772 Foundation , have awarded a grant to the Hinsdale Historical Society to assist in preserving the 1912 Carriage Barn at the Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale Homestead, at 609 Brattleboro Rd., Hinsdale. The funding will support the replacement of the roof of the barn and repairs to the structure where there may be other roofing issues.

Applications were submitted earlier this year and were reviewed by a committee of experts at both Foundations. The NH Preservation Alliance in conjunction with the 1772 Foundation's fifth year of investment in New Hampshire will help protect and revitalize many historic buildings and positively impact their communities by bringing much-needed capital investment to important community buildings.

Grant criteria included the uniqueness or significance of the resource, visibility within the community, availability of additional funding, imminence or severity of threat to the resource, and a demonstrated understanding of the building's needs, and the proposed plan's adherence to the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

The Carriage Barn is part of the Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale Homestead. Hinsdale was the Chaplain at Fort Dummer, on the west side of the Connecticut River, and in 1742 Hinsdale was commissioned to build a garrison fort on this site in Hinsdale. Though that fort no longer stands, the nearby Col. Hinsdale House complex, built in 1759, includes a house (still in nearly original condition), this carriage barn, two tobacco barns, a blacksmith shop, and 37 acres along the Connecticut River.



The Carriage Barn, built in 1912, located at the Col. Ebenezer Hinsdale Homestead

The Hinsdale Historical Society, which now owns and manages the State Historic Register-listed complex, carried out a Historic Building Assessment of the property in 2022, and has begun to address its recommendations in priority order. With money from this grant, the carriage barn's deteriorated and leaking roof will be repaired; damaged roof boards will be replaced, and pine strapping will support the new metal roof that was chosen for its durability and appropriateness.

"Losing the building due to preventable roof failure would be a devastating loss to the historical character of the property. The Hinsdale Historical Society is grateful to the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance and the 1772 Foundation for being the lead supporter of this critical need." Said, Sharron Smith, Vice President, Hinsdale Historical Society.

The New Hampshire Preservation Alliance strengthens communities and stimulates local economies by encouraging the protection and revival of historic Buildings and places. For more information: Visit www.nhpreservation.org

The 1772 Foundation was named in honor of its first restoration project, Liberty Hall in Union, NJ, which was built in 1772 and is the ancestral home of the Livingston and Kean families. The late Stewart B. Kean was the original benefactor of the 1772 Foundation. The 1772 Foundation works to ensure the safe passage of our historic buildings and farmland to future generations. More information about the 1772 Foundation may be found at: www.1772foundation.org