

The Meetinghouse at First Parish

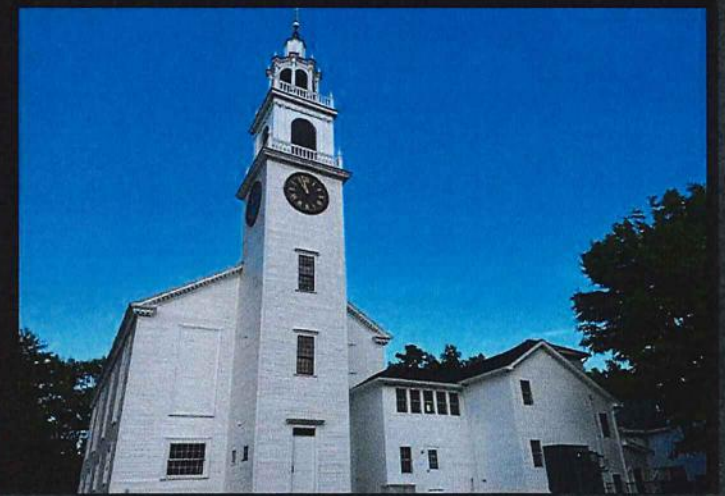


Historic Preservation Update

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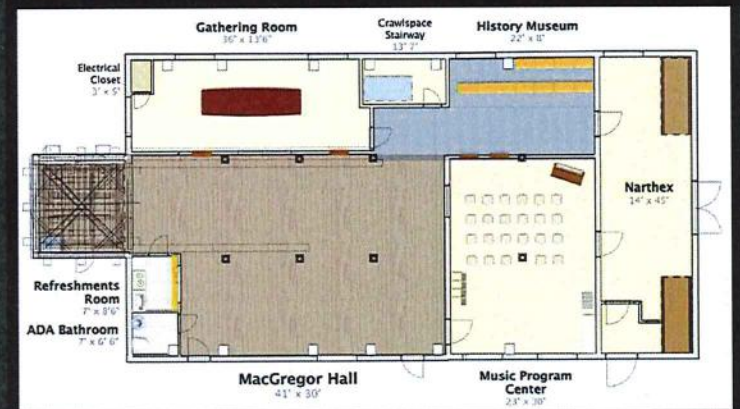
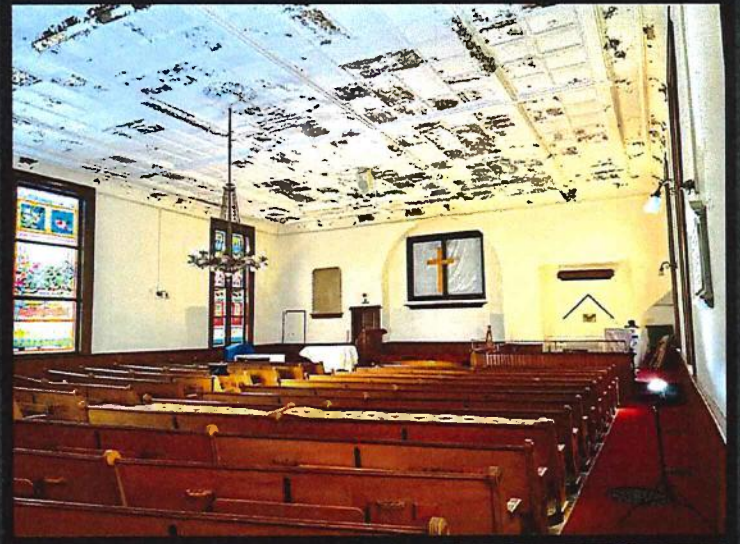
Ten Years and \$1.9M

- Historic Assessment
- New Foundation
- Timber Frame Rehab
- Accessibility Connector
- Tower & Steeple Rehab
- Exterior Painting



Remaining

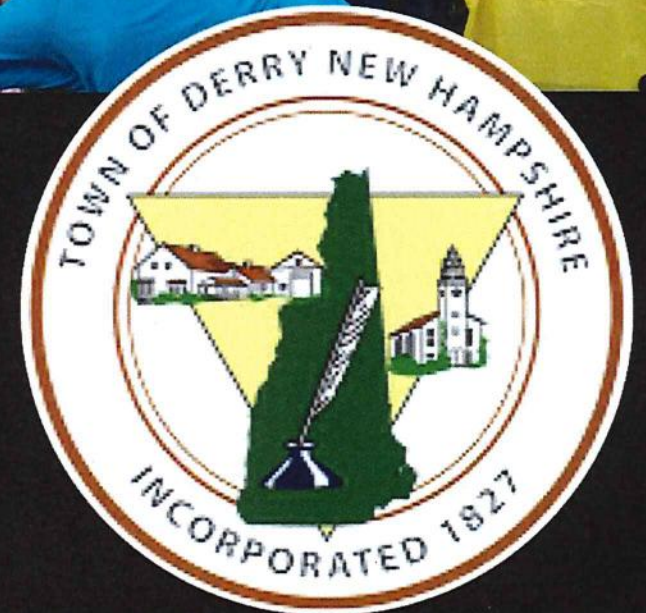
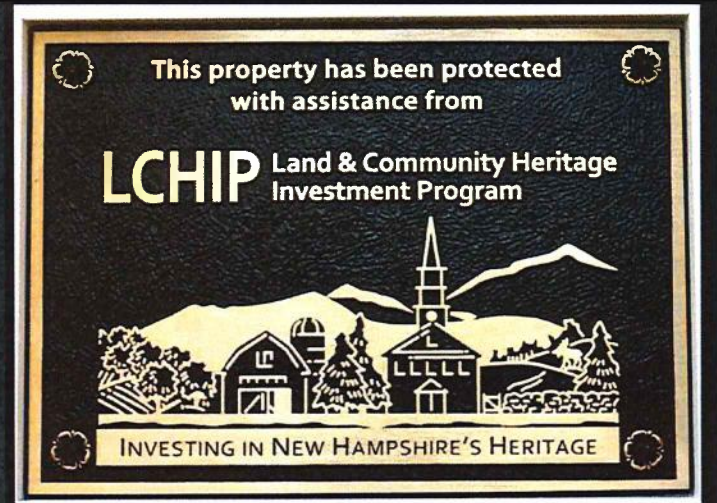
- Clock, Shutters, Windows
- Sanctuary Rehab
 - Connector Entrance
 - Asbestos Floors
 - Lead Paint Ceiling
 - Systems & Finishes
- Roof System Rehab
- Lower-Level Rehab



Fundraising

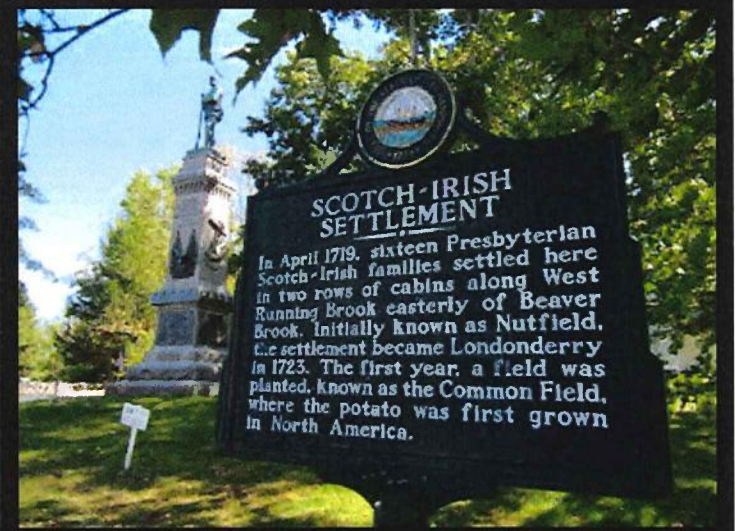
- Loan & Multiple Grants
- Congregation: ongoing
Community: challenging
- *Friends* regrouping
- Seeking donors &
corporate sponsors
- Exploring Town support

\$1M More to Go



Why?

- Beautiful landmark
- Tourist & research destination
- Community resource:
 - Meeting space for > 30 groups
 - Meetinghouse Accessibility + HVAC + Refurb = New Performance Venue



Why?

Strategic element in Town's draft Master Plan

Develop a plan to promote **heritage tourism** (including historic buildings and legacy stories including Robert Frost, Alan Shepard, potatoes, H.P. Hood & Sons, Londonderry Linen, etc.). Use this as an opportunity to promote Derry's past to increase community pride and foster economic development.

- Preserve historic buildings

Strategies

1.2.1 Preserve Derry's old New England charm

Make a financial commitment to the restoration of the meetinghouse at the First Parish Church

1.4.4. Promote the efforts of local historians/storytellers and historical organizations

First Parish Church

Derry's historic and cultural resources possess local, regional and national **significance**, and therefore merit protection.

Usage of historic landmarks such as the Adam's Memorial Building for the Arts Council's, the Old Train Station as a new restaurant, and Upper Village Hall as an events venue are examples of how Derry is bridging the Town's history with alternative creative uses.

Imagine a Derry... that **protects and promotes its history and historic structures** by enacting policies that ensure buildings and landscapes are protected and by telling Derry's stories in multiple and compelling ways.