

Old Town Hall Committee Report to the Mendon Select Board

October 2, 2017

Following the appointment of the Mendon Old Town Hall committee in April 2016 we have explored many thoughts and options for the future of the Old Town Hall (OTH), and how to best proceed in its potential restoration.

We determined that the best use for the building would be as a town hall annex, offering additional storage for town records. An intensive effort was then initiated to effectively estimate the cost of stabilization and exterior restoration necessary for this projected use.

This cost and the alternative cost of demolition were then presented to taxpayers in their tax bills as a survey of town preference. The results have shown that the taxpayers strongly favor the lesser cost of demolition.

At this time we believe the committee has completed its Select Board assigned task to provide guidance on the future of the OTH.

But we do suggest that you consider an alternative final utilization of this historic building in advertising its availability for sale for \$1, for anyone interested in relocating the building to another site, as the town did recently with the previous town office. This would include possible partial salvaging of portions of the building (ex-windows), as long as the building itself was removed. Time stipulations could be added to the sale to assure prompt removal. Besides potentially the saving of a historical 1888 building it would also represent savings to the town of the projected \$20,000 demolition cost.

Respectfully submitted by the Old Town Hall Subcommittee-

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