



North Yarmouth Historical's Old Town House is Moving Into the Future



The goal: \$735,000

- **Restore and Move** Old Town House to a town-owned lot in North Yarmouth's developing center.
- **Create** archival, work, and display space for historical holdings dating from 1680.
- **Establish** a sustainable new community resource for enjoying and learning about North Yarmouth history through programs, events, and research.

Keeping History **Alive** and **Present**

Nourish the present by preserving the best of the past.



For decades the 1853 **Old Town House** has welcomed the community with programs to experience “the olden days.” Its rustic character evokes a simpler time.



North Yarmouth Historical’s **Archives** preserve the records of a unique town that dates to 1680. Collections are used by students, teachers, house researchers, genealogists, and historians local and distant.



Programs and hands-on events tell the story of North Yarmouth, welcoming all to learn about this town with deep roots from which six other communities grew. The aim: keep history alive!

The Challenge

1. Relocating and Restoring. Old Town House has greatly deteriorated and is closed for public use. Its location, three miles from the Village Center, is a challenge for North Yarmouth Historical's goal of offering programs and events in a central locale. Moved to the now-empty site of the former Wescustogo Hall, Old Town House will be a highly visible, updated, and classic reminder of North Yarmouth's rich history. Appropriately, one beloved historic structure will replace another that was lost.



2. Protecting Historic Holdings. North Yarmouth Historical's Archives, including items dating from the 1680s, are bursting at the seams. A 300 square foot vault in the town's fire station stores thousand of photographs, documents, genealogies, family collections, diaries, business ledgers, maps, journals, and artifacts. Overflow has been hoisted into an overhead crawlspace. A storage trailer at the Town Garage houses larger items. More is stored in members' homes. Adding a full basement to Old Town House will provide a spacious and secure home for the Archives; other renovations will provide areas for research and display.



3. Bringing History Alive. As we move forward in a post-pandemic world, the town's oldest surviving civic building will be a bridge between the simpler pace of times past and the excitement of what's to come. Old Town House will be a place to gather again: to tell new stories, hear old ones, and connect with fellow community members in a warm and welcoming space.



The Opportunity

We can move and restore Old Town House *now* so that we are ready to gather safely again, and far into the future.

Right now, Old Town House is deteriorating and needs immediate renovations.

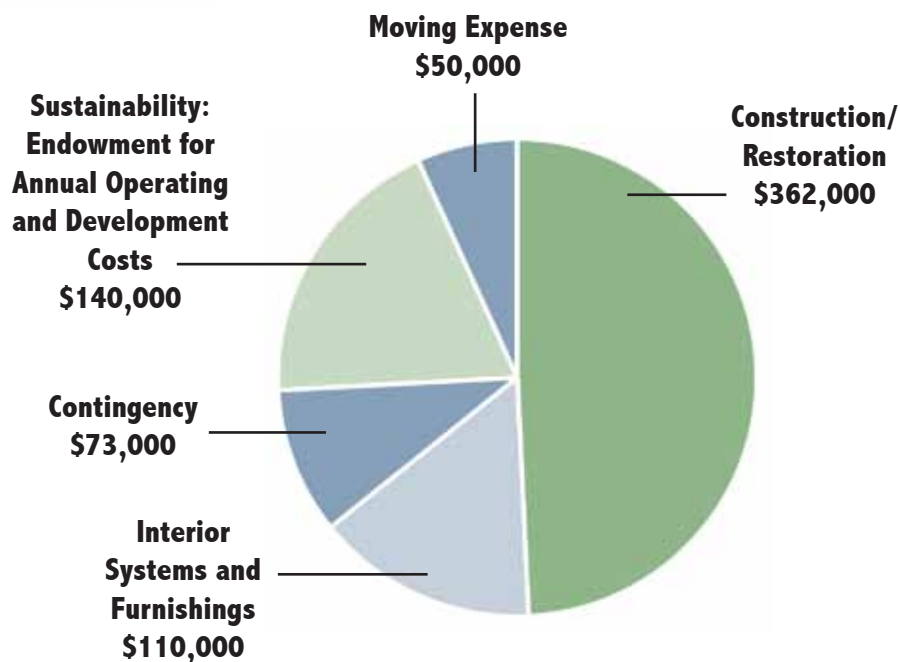
Right now, we need space to store, use, display, and grow North Yarmouth Historical's collections.

Right now, the Wescustogo lot at the edge of the Village Green is ready for new life.

This is an opportunity ready and waiting—to bring the past into the future.



Moving Into the Future: Costs



Project Total:
\$735,000

Included:

- Full insulation and waterproofing
- New roof, windows
- Heat pumps
- Lighting
- Security system
- Archival storage
- Sprinkler system
- Exhibition and display areas
- Parking
- Landscaping