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Friends of the Lempster MeetingHouse
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- I would like to "Support the window restorations" for \$1000.00 (with naming plaque)
- I would like my donation to be applied to the building restoration fund
- I would like my donation to support the Arts at the Meetinghouse (A@M)

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The Lempster Meetinghouse Restoration Project



Coming Soon



ARTS AT THE MEETINGHOUSE

The meetinghouse (or town hall) has been the traditional gathering place for New England groups and societies for generations – for centuries really. Though Lempster’s meetinghouse may have gone through a period of disrepair due to indecision and neglect, it never lost its structural legitimacy and The Friends of the Lempster MeetingHouse (FLMH), recognizing that truth, has worked for years on behalf of the Town of Lempster to bring this great old building back to its historic and intended purpose – as a resource for this small and vibrant community.

With the generous and ongoing commitment of monies, time, and in-kind work from both public and private donors, as well as the continued support from taxpayers at town meetings, there have been many important improvements: installation of a new foundation and basement; new well, septic system and restroom; made significant structural repairs; moved the furnace into the basement and improved the duct work for a more even distribution of heat; and began the restoration of the 45 windows that help define the historic look of this 219 year old building.

Because Lempster taxpayers and so many public and private donors have recognized the value in all the work that has been done, we have been able to apply for and receive two sizable matching grants from The New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP), with the second grant being used to help cover some of the cost of restoring 31 of the windows.*

In addition to continuing the renovations of the remaining windows, FLMH has immediate plans for repairing the double doors on the south side of the building; adding permanent stairs to the main tower entrance; making the first floor of the building handicap accessible; and doing structural repairs to the tower framing and cupola. The State of New Hampshire has decided this year to fully fund LCHIP, so FLMH is again applying for a third grant. Should we be successful, the grant will help fund a significant part of the cost of these upgrades and repairs.

*All LCHIP grants (and many other grants as well) require matching funds be in hand before the grantors will even consider an application.



As meetinghouses were always intended to be gathering places for their communities, FLMH has elected this year to start a program designed to bring folks into the building. We are in the process of creating and designing a program that will bring performances to the meetinghouse. Currently titled ***The Friends of the Lempster MeetingHouse (FLMH) Presents: Arts at the Meetinghouse (A@M)*** we hope to bring to the community programs of both the visual and performing arts: a diverse range of musical programs, stage presentations, visual arts, documentaries, dance, film, lectures, and talent shows.

In order to present these programs there are several upgrades that need to be made to the main hall and stage. For example: improved wiring; house lighting; a PA sound system; stage lighting; curtains and other arts and stage performance based improvements. So please stay tuned for future announcements and please consider giving generously through your attendance, participation, and donations.

The meetinghouse can and should be as it has always been intended – a resource for this community. Please continue your support for all the work that has been done, as well as the work yet to be done. Consider making a donation to **The Friends of the Lempster MeetingHouse**, a 501(c)(3) non-profit. We have several donation categories and levels that you can choose (see form on the back). We are continuing our very successful “I support the window restorations” campaign which for a \$1000.00 contribution you get a brass plaque with appropriate language of your choosing to be posted under a window of your choice (based on availability). You also have the opportunity to designate where your donation goes by either continuing the primary mission of repairing the building, or if you feel strongly about the arts, then by specifying Arts at the Meetinghouse (A@M) and we will apply your donation for that purpose.

We are excited and we hope everyone shares in our enthusiasm. Thank you!

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