

New Hampshire's 2011 Seven to Save

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The Balsams, Dixville Notch is one of only five surviving grand hotels in N.H., and is currently for sale. The trustees of the estate of former owner Neil Tillotson have seen two recent buyers withdraw their offers. It is hoped that a new owner and new investment would honor the property's historic and cultural significance, preserve jobs and continue the Balsams important legacy into the future. Contact: Jeff McIver, 255-3400, jmciver@thebalsams.com



Farley Building, Hollis. Built in the Italianate style, with a symmetrical facade and tall bell-tower surmounting the gabled roof, this former school has undergone several alternations since its construction in 1877. It has been vacant since 2005 and despite roof leaks, is in sound condition. Advocates hope that this landmark can avoid demolition by finding a new use that will attract funding for its rehabilitation. Contact: David Sullivan, Hollis Heritage Commission, 494-2362; ds.gcsnab@gmail.com



Old Town Hall, Middleton. Vibrant murals by itinerant artist John Avery adorn the walls of the former Freewill Baptist church on the second floor, while the first floor serves as meeting space for town functions. Since 1996 when town offices moved to new quarters, the building's condition has been a concern, and funding even basic maintenance sometimes leads to talk of demolition. Contact :John Mullen, 755-9062; johnandjillmullen@roadrunner.com



Old Grist Mill on Little River, Kingston, was built prior to 1717, and is the oldest structure of its type in the state. Neglected for many years, it is in precarious condition though all its interior components appear to be intact. Located within a historic district, the mill has many advocates who would like to see it restored and returned to working order.

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Pearson Hall, Haverhill, is one of three publicly-owned brick structures on the town common. Built as a private academy building in 1816, the unoccupied structure is now owned by the Haverhill Historical Society, but needs to be fully rehabilitated before it can be used for exhibits and collections storage. The exterior has been partially restored thanks to an LCHIP grant, but progress has stalled and significant additional funding is required to complete the project. Contact: Edith Celley, 603-989-5953, ecelley5953@charter.net



Wheaton-Alexander House, Winchester, will likely be demolished by the present owner and sold for strip-type commercial development if the court fails to uphold the local Historic District Commission's decision to deny the demolition permit. Standing at the gateway to the town's historic

center, this house's uncertain future highlights similar needs statewide for direct investment that maximizes both historic character and economic opportunity. Contact: J. Bellan, 239-7206; jennbellan@myfairpoint.net



Charlestown Town Hall was constructed of brick in 1873 to replace a smaller town house, and painted some time after 1940. It originally contained a grocery store, meeting and office space and an elegant second-floor theater, but today only the first floor space meets code requirements. The Historical Society and Rotary Club top the list of

frequent users, and their volunteers form a small group that is advocating for greater community involvement and investment to return the hall to full use. Contact: Judy Baraly, 826-9943, jbaraly@comcast.net