

New Hampshire's 2016 Seven to Save

The N.H. Preservation Alliance's annual endangered properties list helps to draw attention and resources to irreplaceable New Hampshire landmarks. Listing provides a range of technical and financial support and helps attract roll-up-your-sleeves help for local advocates and their preservation projects.



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Kelley Corner School, Gilmanton

Designated in 1778 as School #1 and still owned by the Gilmanton School District, this one-room schoolhouse has been leased to the Lower Gilmanton Community Club since 1949. Advocates are now working to raise funds for repair and hope to increase activity. Contact Paula Gilman, pglmn@metrocast.net, 603-393-5761

Meredith Public Library

The Library Trustees have voted to leave the Benjamin M. Smith Memorial Library building and to build a new library outside of town. The 1901 historic library building is an icon on Main Street, and its future is uncertain. Some community members urge reconsideration. Contact N.H. Preservation Alliance, projects@nhpreservation.org, 603-224-2281

St. Francis Xavier Church, Nashua

Now the St. Mary & Archangel Michael Coptic Orthodox Church, this landmark marble church was built in 1895-1896 and is in urgent need of professional attention to its cracked marble exterior, as well as an ongoing preservation plan. Contact Audrey Botros, audreybotros@gmail.com, 781-789-8936



Aston-Lessard Barn, Shelburne

Built for William Aston in 1888, this estate barn was known to local North Country area residents as a gathering place for Big Band music in the 1920s, and as a roller skating venue up to the 1960s. The present owner

is seeking new uses and investment for the critical structural repairs necessary to ensure the barn's continued viability. Contact Carl Lessard, spectrumlighting5555@yahoo.com, 603-723-5550



Sanborn House, Wakefield

Built as a rural hotel in 1871, the iconic Sanborn House occupies a commanding site on the main street in the village of Sanbornville. The building will be demolished and replaced by a big box type store if the developer's appeals of local board denials succeed. There is a potential buyer who wants to

rehabilitate the historic building. Contact Pam Wiggin, Wakefield HC, wakefieldheritage@yahoo.com, 603-387-3698



Coos County Farm Barn, West Stewartstown

Efforts of the Coos County Farm Advisory Committee to find new uses for the large underutilized barn compound are gaining momentum after public forums in 2013, which garnered support for renewed agricultural initiatives on the county farm property. The large barn was built in 1938. Contact:

Commissioner Rick Samson, Coos County Commissioner District 3, higherground@wildblue.net, 603-246-3570



N.H. Coastal Historic Resources (seacoast)

Iconic historical places like the Wentworth-Coolidge Mansion are at risk, according to a new report by the Coastal Risk and Hazards Commission. The report analyzes the impact of sea-level rise, storm surge, and extreme precipitation on the N.H. coastline, and stresses the

vulnerability of heritage sites which include historic, cultural, and recreational resources. Contact: Sen. David Watters, New Hampshire State Senate District 4, david.watters@leg.state.nh.us, 603-271-8567 or 603-969-9224