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Townsend, Massachusetts Historical Society

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Important vote to be taken at December 13, 1999 Board meeting

At the next Board of Directors' meeting, on December 13, 1999, the following motion will be presented for consideration:

"It is moved that alterations be made to the Society's building known as The Harbor Church.

These alterations would include:

-the construction of access for persons with physical handicaps

-the construction of a bathroom or bathrooms especially adapted to the needs of those persons with physical handicaps. Upgrading the septic system would probably be required for this.

-the construction of an addition to the building to accommodate these items (shown on the drawing "Plan A" by Bob Johnson)."

During meetings of the ad hoc fund raising study group, Ed West, Bob Johnson, Jock Snaith, Ken Reed and Alice Struthers reviewed the long-range plans of the Society. It became more and more apparent that solid plans for the future must be made before a large-scale fund drive can be launched.

"People want to know what their money will be used for," Ed West said.

"The church will not only provide space for programs - it can also produce income from community events, so it's important to get the work done there," Snaith said.

Drawings of the proposed construction will be shown at the meeting. The new addition would be two stories high. Climate-controlled storage for the Society's collection of country clothing and other artifacts is planned for the second floor.

The first floor would house the handicapped-accessible entry and bathrooms, together with other facilities needed for the Society's programs.

Why add on to the Harbor Church?

If we are to keep moving our vision forward, we need to get our buildings ready for the challenge. They need to be safe and meet codes.

A climate-controlled environment is sorely needed to store our collection, especially the clothing, much of which is extremely rare. Workroom space is necessary for the work of cataloging and preservation. Exhibit space for artifacts, archives and photos is needed.

A year-round space with heat and light for meetings and programs will be provided by this project.

A. Struthers

If you have questions, or need more information about the project before the meeting, call the office at 597-2106. Or call Jock Snaith, Ed West, Bob Johnson or Alice Struthers.