

Mount Holly Community Historical Museum

Update Perkins House and Blacksmith Shop Facilities:

-Blacksmith Shop Facility has a new roof and structural improvements were made to the storage area. The work was completed in time for our 2007 calendar of summer events.

-Perkins House Phase II The historic house portion is back to its original location but atop the new foundation and the barn section shell, along with studding for the kitchen and lavatory sections, have been completed. The new poured foundation includes the barn area. It has a curtain drain and insulation beneath the poured concrete floor. The exterior is also sealed against moisture and has 2" of foam board insulation. Progress on Phase III, for the interior is being planned by the building committee made up of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Curator and two Board Members: Dennis Devereux, Lory Doolittle, David Hoeh and Allan Bamforth respectively.

Erica Donnis from Museum Consulting Services, Burlington, Vermont, was engaged by the committee to survey both facilities and provide guidance for the planning of displays of our large collection of artifacts. In two all-day visits her suggestions were enthusiastically received and her written report dated, October 17, is in hand.

A meeting with the architect, Peter Morris, is being set up for his advice on climate control wiring, insulation and related topics. The historic section will receive primary attention. It is a never-to-be repeated opportunity to do-it-right-the-first-time from the bare bones that now exist. The committee is researching The Vermont Law School facilities where "Green" is the by-word. Among their construction projects, they have redone a historic facility on campus with state of the art features for conservation including composting toilets and super-insulated windows that preserve the exterior historic appearance.

A 200 AMP electric panel is in place. The Perkins House was proud to provide 240 Volts of power for the cider press at the most- successful-yet Cider Days Event that took place on the Village Green and the Museum property in October. The Perkins House is ideally situated facing the Green.