



# South Hero Meeting House

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## South Hero Meeting House Renovation and Adaptive Reuse Project

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In 2018, a volunteer Town committee was formed to assess community interest in restoring the Meeting House for year-round use and to assess its structural integrity through a planning grant and subsequently a second planning grant to begin to develop renovation plans.

The first grant paid for a community wide survey and an assessment of the structural integrity of the building. The assessment indicated that the building will need work on the foundation and restoration of the East wall, which was compromised when large bay doors were cut into it to accommodate fire and rescue vehicles. The community survey showed strong support for using the building for a wide range of activities as well as retaining it as the long-time home of Granny's Attic Benefit Shop.

The second planning grant covers the costs of preliminary plans for basic restoration, paving the way for a full renovation and restoration project that could begin as early as 2022.

The Town has successfully hired the firm of Arnold and Scangas of St. Albans to develop these plans so that fundraising may begin.

This Fall, the committee hopes to start seeking grants, starting with funding to shore-up the building's foundation and working upwards to stabilize the east-facing wall.

Restoration and adaptive reuse plans include: winterizing the building; adding a structure on the rear of the building that doesn't compromise the historic envelope of the building to house an elevator, bathrooms, and a small kitchen so that public events can be held in comfort and safety year-round. The first floor indoor space is envisioned as a multi-purpose community space that can house events, meetings, classes and many other activities.

The [First Planning Grant Final Report](#) includes Engineering Ventures assessment of the building and results of the community survey.

[2020 VCDP Planning Grant Information](#) – Progress to date: Select Board to accepted the bid for engineering work summer 2021 from Arnold and Scangas preparation for construction to begin in 2022.

Copies are included with this packet.

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