



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WINDHAM COUNTY

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Windham County Museum — West River Railroad Museum

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Select Board

Town of Newfane

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*Ann made motion
Mike 2nd*

Dear Members of the Board:

Following our request for consideration of possible funding assistance for our Jail Museum project, your Board's Vice-Chair indicated that \$10,000 in ARPA funds was being approved. She also told us that there was the possibility of receiving an additional \$10,000 in the following year if ARPA funds still remain uncommitted at that point.

The Society very much appreciates this support for what promises to be a costly undertaking, but one that we believe will greatly enrich our community now and for many future generations. A chance to better share our rich local history, to keep one of our most important buildings in active community use, and to attract more visitors for the benefit of our local businesses comes along only rarely, so we are eager to be able to take it on.

We now are far enough along in our project planning and preparation for signing the lease to ask for release of your \$10,000 in funding when the budget is approved by the voters. We will apply it toward restoration of portions of the historic jail sections of the museum, including lead and asbestos remediation, in order to allow for their educational use. We also are attaching for your information a copy of the article from our newsletter describing the general scope of the overall project.

If you require anything further to implement this request, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Richard Marek