

Agenda Summary

January 24, 2024

Agenda Item No.

Mayo Farm Pole Barn

Summary: The Mayo Farm Pole Barn has collapsed and is an attractive hazard. Given the extent of damage and its current condition, it is not practical to reconstruct it. Under the Town's Zoning Regulations, it is considered a historic building which requires review by the Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) prior to demolition.

The barn is part of a complex of Mayo Farm agricultural buildings. The complex once consisted of a historic farmhouse and numerous agricultural outbuildings- most of which have been demolished over time. On the Vermont Historic Sites and Structures Survey the barn (#10) described as a *'vernacular, 1-story, gable roofed, 6 x 2 bay, approximately 50' x 30' barn with plywood panel siding, sheet metal roof, exposed rafter tail trim, 6-light windows. South eavesfront has a pass door far left flanked by a 6-light window and 4 open bays, right, for equipment/hay storage.'* Due to age (constructed circa 1955), the building was listed as non-contributing in the 1988 survey however was considered a contributing building in the 2005 survey since it was then more than fifty years old. The Town's Zoning Regulations require historic buildings be reviewed prior to demolition, however being a community-owned building, the demolition review is limited to certain criteria under state statute.

If authorized, the Town Manager will apply for a zoning permit to remove the damaged building and seek review from the HPC.

Town Plan Impact: N/A

Fiscal Impact: Cost of disposal remains to be determined but will come out of the existing capital appropriation and/or insurance proceeds.

Recommendation: Move to authorize the Town Manager to apply for a zoning permit to the Historic Preservation Commission to remove the Mayo Farm Pole Barn.