



Athol Hart, Chairperson,
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December 21, 2015

Dear Athol Hart,

Thank you for receiving Sherita Clark and Richard Kamus at your recent meeting, where they were able to introduce your members to our efforts to make our historic meeting house accessible.

We are strongly committed to making the meeting house barrier-free, both for our members and for the broader community. We know you recognize the significance of the meeting house and the public interest in preserving and using the building. We very much appreciated your assistance with replacing our cedar shake roof a couple of years ago.

We've been researching possible adaptations for several years but really got started earlier this year. We will add a lift, an accessible washroom, and an expanded entrance, all on the west side in the 1975 addition, where the existing stairs will become the core of the changes.

The initial cost projections for the project were \$215,000. We set our fundraising goal at \$225,000. As we receive bids from contractors we are learning that our desired changes are likely to be somewhat higher than the original estimates. Construction will begin in the spring of 2016.

To date, we have raised \$172,000. This includes \$50,000 from a Quaker Trust, and \$50,000 from the federal grant, "Accessibility for Communities." The remainder has come from members of the Newmarket meeting and other Quakers.

Our shortfall in reaching our original goal is currently \$53,000. We continue to broaden our outreach to community groups and foundations.

We are asking Heritage Newmarket to make a financial contribution, to support this project, which will benefit the Newmarket community. We would be happy to meet with you to provide more details.

Thank you for your consideration,

Handwritten signature of Barbara Horvath.

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