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**From:** Milan, Stanley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 5, 2022 10:52 PM  
**To:** Mekarski, David; Paciulli, Chip  
**Cc:** Lehnig, Dale; Goff, Joshua; Only Town Council; Planning Commission; Hays, Diana  
**Subject:** Re: Aberdeen House Historic Restoration Grant Estimate

Good evening David,

Thank you for your response, I am not proposing a tour but an inspection by a licensed professional who is volunteering his time to do this and has done historic restoration throughout the region, and who most certainly can complete a liability waiver to release the town of any liability.

The Mayor discussed the historic significance of this home over a year ago and indicated that several enslaved people may have lived there. In our first attempt to pursue inspection and restoration of the property, we were told by your team that many of the interior materials and trimmings were looted. However, we were later told that was not the case. Since that time we have not heard any recommendation on what to do with this historic property.

When did your asset management team become aware of biohazard and structural integrity issues at a building owned by the Town? Why wasn't this brought to the Town Council before now? I am concerned that the following items you listed as being known by your team and has not been brought to the attention of Town Council for consideration as a formalized project for action:

1. Biohazard issues
2. Structural deficiencies
3. Bats occupying the attic
4. Wildlife access
5. Decomposing animal carcasses rotting out some of the floor boards.
6. Rotted staircase

The grant application and process can come later, but at a minimum management should bring the above matters before Town Council with a recommendation for action to be taken.

At any rate, we would not need to enter the structure if it is deemed unsafe to do so. As Chip noted there are other areas that can be inspected outside. So, I am expecting someone to be present to grant us access to the property within the next few days. Please provide a time for one of the team members to accommodate this request.

Thank you.

Council Member,  
Stanley J Milan, Sr.  
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**From:** Mekarski, David  
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**To:** Paciulli, Chip; Milan, Stanley  
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**Subject:** Re: Aberdeen House Historic Restoration Grant Estimate

Chip,  
Excellent points to consider. I will pass on your suggestions to Engineering and Asset Management.

Thank you for your contribution.  
Best, David

David A. Mekarski, AICP  
Town of Purcellville

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**From:** Paciulli, Chip <cpaciulli@purcellvilleva.gov>  
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**Subject:** Re: Aberdeen House Historic Restoration Grant Estimate

David and Stan,

While I assume it may (may?) be included in the initial review as outlined in David's email I just have to share that any inspection should include creating a list of any and all exterior to interior water leaking spots (including basement/crawl spaces and current signs of prior upper wall and roof leak points). As you know there can be so much active as well prior damage from such points. Sometimes temporary fixes to lot grading or upper wall and roof flashing can minimize/reduce further damage till reports are prepared and then acted on.

Thanks for your time. Please, no response is needed. You all are busy enough.

Chip

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**From:** Mekarski, David <dmekarski@purcellvilleva.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: Aberdeen House Historic Restoration Grant Estimate

Stan,

I've taken the opportunity to meet with members of our Engineering and Asset Management Team who have brought to my attention a number of concerns regarding the safety of conducting a tour inside the structure until we complete a biohazard remediation and structural evaluation to determine the floor boards and staircase are sound enough to support the weight of any visitors. It is my understanding that the house has been boarded up for a number of months, and on previous inspections there was evidence

of bats occupying the attic and a number of wildlife accessing the interior as evidence of animal feces and decomposing animal carcasses rotting out some of the floor boards. The department is working with one of the town's task order contract engineers to obtain an estimate for a structural inspection to ensure safety of you and your visitors. Once confirmed, we will solicit an estimate for biohazard remediation to ensure that entry can be afforded with minimal PPE. Even with the structural integrity evaluation and biohazard remediation, we would require a liability waiver to release the town of any liability.

We welcome your assistance, as well as DAR's, in identification of grant opportunities and the submittal of any narrative to support this grant request. The Engineering and Asset Management team feels strongly that cost estimates for historic restoration should be formalized and completed through town staff and our existing consulting team, which we have on task order, following the town's formal procurement procedures. As you know, the formal grant application must be submitted by the town's administrative team that has been given access to submit formal grant requests through the federal Grants.gov website. If these grant funds are not supported by the federal government, please identify the source whether public, non-profit organizations or foundations and/or private endowments.

The administrative team shares your enthusiasm about this potential project but recognizes this project as a significant endeavor, especially if awarded. As such, it would be helpful to formalize this project initiative by having it added to an upcoming Council meeting or work session to have it placed in order of priority with our current slate of projects on the manager's top 10 list.

Please feel free to give me a call to discuss. Looking forward to collaboratively working with you and for the health and safety of all parties involved.

David A. Mekarski, AICP  
Town Manager  
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**From:** Mekarski, David  
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**Cc:** Only Town Council; Planning Commission; Train Station Advisory Board; Lehnig, Dale; Didawick, Jason; Goff, Joshua; Dryden, Bob; Hays, Diana  
**Subject:** RE: Aberdeen House Historic Restoration Grant Estimate

Stan,  
I will check with the Asset Management Team and get back to you tomorrow afternoon.  
David

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**Subject:** Aberdeen House Historic Restoration Grant Estimate

Hi David,

I am working with a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a few other volunteers to apply for funding to restore the Aberdeen house. The funding application will require an estimate of the cost to restore the property. A local preservation expert will like to take a look at the property to provide an estimate. What time will be best for someone from your team be able to provide access to the house next week on Wednesday or Friday?

Council Member,  
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