

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

TOWN OF HANOVER

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You recently received notice of a Planning Board public hearing scheduled for August 15th, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The reason for this hearing is a request to trim trees so that a historic house can be moved from 733 Main Street to a new location on Union Street.

In 2021 the house was sold to new owners, who then filed a request to demolish it. The Historical Commission determined that this house was significant on both a local and national level. Two of its early residents, John Bailey and his son, Luther, served as officers in the Continental Army. They both fought at the Battle of Dorchester Heights and crossed the Delaware River with General Washington to fight in the Battle of Trenton. The Bailey family also designed and fabricated clocks, now highly valued as historic timepieces.

Because the current owners of the property are not interested in preserving this house, the Commission decided that the only way to save it was to move it. A suitable location was found in early 2022, which necessitates moving the house approximately one mile. This will be accomplished by mounting the house on a low-bed trailer so that it can be transported along Main Street to its new lot, located between 239 and 263 Union Street.

Trees located within the right-of-way on a property that abuts yours need to be trimmed to allow passage of the house. You will find more information about the house at this webpage: <https://www.hanover-ma.gov/733-main-street> Follow links on this page for additional details. If you have questions prior to the meeting on the 15th, please contact me. I will be happy to provide you with more information.

Sincerely yours,

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Chair

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