

### **Norwell Grange Stabilization Project 2023**

# **History of the Building**

- District #2 Grammar School: 1871 1926
- First Norwell High School: 1888 1896
- Local American Legion Post: 1928 -1939
- Norwell Grange #410: 1941 to present (82 years!)
  - Under Grange ownership, this building has also been home to Norwell Karate, Dreamchaser's Theater Company, Studios of Dancing School, St. Helen's Parish (1950-51), First Baptist of Norwell, the Norwell Senior Citizens Association (1970's)
  - Featured in the movie The Finest Hours (2016)





# What is the Grange Organization?



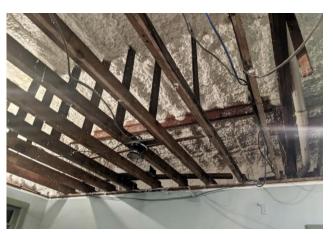
- Order of the Patrons of Husbandry, National Grange was founded in 1867, in Washington D.C., following the Civil War.
- A family oriented, community organization with roots in agriculture.
- The country's oldest a nonprofit, nonpartisan, fraternal organization, that advocates for rural America and agriculture.
- Today, the Grange is a social and community service group that strengthens individuals, families and communities through grassroots action, service, education, advocacy, leadership development and agriculture awareness.
- Granges exist in rural, suburban and urban communities with over 1,700 chapters.











# **Building Repairs**

Since 2019, the following repairs were completed or are in progress, under the current membership

Tree Removal: \$5,000
Mold & Asbestos Remediation & Removal: \$7,600
Foundation Repairs: \$600
Plumbing Repairs: \$500
Emergency Exit Doors Replacement & \$5,000

\$2,214

- Insulation in Addition:
- Total: \$20,914

# Other Funding To Date

### **In-Kind Donations**

- Rubber Roof Replacement on Addition:
- Kitchen Equipment:

### **Monetary Donations**

• Jan. 2021- Dec. 2022:

### **State Earmarks**

- HVAC:
- Kitchen & Accessible Bathrooms:

\$45,000 \$75,000

\$41,955



\$17,500 \$25,000



# Stabilization Project Overview

This project focuses on exterior repairs to maintain the historical integrity of the building, including:

- New Roof and Siding Replacement:
- Window Replacement:
- Paint:
- Insulation:
- Exterior Door and Ramp:

- \$138,000 \*\* \$25,500 \*\* \$45,000 \$9,980
- \$10,000

#### Totaling: \$228,480

\*\* represents structural priorities

# **Future Building Use Opportunities**

### **Grange Programming**

- Agricultural/Homesteading Education
- Community Dinners
- Cooking/Home Economics Classes
- Dances & Entertainment
- Educational Speakers
- Harvest Festival/Holiday Markets
- Scholarships

### **Possible Community Groups**

#### Meeting place for:

- North River Gardeners
- Norwell Garden Club
- Norwell Farms
- Norwell Women's Club
- Girl Scouts
- 4-H

**Rental Space** 

• Birthday Party's, Weddings, etc.



# Why Support Us?

- Preserve part of Norwell's history
- Create a gathering space focused on community education and service, rooted in our Town's agricultural history.
- Provide a new "old" gathering place to support the local agriculture and farming community
- Offer residents of all ages a place to learn classic homesteading skills for a new era.

### **Questions?**

## Thank you for your consideration!