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Letter to Mayor Carrier and City of Dover

Nov 26, 2024

RE: Critical Renovations at the Woodman Museum

Hello Hon. Mayor Carrier and Dover City Council

Thank you for your offer to speak on the Woodman Museum's behalf at the December City Council Meeting. For those you who are unaware, the Woodman Museum experienced a critical failure of our boiler system within the Woodman House. With that, comes the now unexpected necessary repairs in order for the museum to open back to guests come the start of our 2025 Season in April.

There is a silver lining to this process. With the failure of the boiler system, we have decided to remove the steam radiators and replace them with a mini-split system throughout the house. This is inline with best practices for museums as we will be able to more effectively control the environment our artifacts are displayed in as well as removing the threat of any steam damage. However, this work also comes with significant electrical upgrades. Essentially, we will be rewiring the entire house. Not only this, but these now critical renovations arose at the start of our process of adding in a new ADA-accessible restroom in the Hale house for our visitors. Altogether we are estimating roughly \$250,000 in renovations and upgrades happening this offseason.

The Woodman Museum team and I appreciate any support you and the community can give at this time. We are currently fundraising on our Facebook page during Facebook's "Giving Season" initiative to help offset these costs as well as planning a significant fundraising event later this winter with information to be announced. Thank you again and we wish you all happy holidays.

Respectfully,

Jonathan Nichols
Executive Director, Woodman Museum

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