

Concerned Cavendish Citizens

Barn Preservation Committee

What are we doing? The CCC is compiling a list of all Cavendish barns.

Why List all the Barns? To help seek funding for restoration to save as many old barns as possible before they disappear!

The Concerned Cavendish Citizens' Barn Preservation Committee feels that barns are an important part of the Vermont landscape, from both an historical and a tourism perspective. Many people in Cavendish believe that tourism is too important an industry here for us to ignore the obvious necessity of preserving the landscape. While protecting open fields and forested hillsides is critical, the structures that form part of the rural beauty of Cavendish and of Vermont need our attention too.

The CCC, working with the Cavendish Historical Society, has begun to inventory and photograph all historic barns in our community and to identify those most in need of restoration and repair. As reported in recent news articles, there is funding in the form of State preservation grants to help barn owners restore their property but competition is fierce since these funds are limited. The CCC will be investigating other sources of funding as well.

Our list will not affect the assessed value of your barn in any way. The Town Listers have already included the value of your barn in your property's assessed value. Photographing and listing your barn will not change your taxes. The only way that your taxes might change is if you increase the value of your barn.

Your cooperation is voluntary. If, for any reason, you do not want your barn listed you only need to tell us. When the list is complete, we will share it with the Town Administrator, the Select Board, and all citizens. The listing will contain only publicly-available data and any other data that you provide.

Please call us if you have any questions about the project: To contact CCC about barn preservation you can call the Committee Co-Chairs, Barbara Dickey at 226-7187, or Pete LaBelle at 226-7250.