

Lyndeborough Heritage Commission

Letter to any applicants for a demolition permit in the Town of Lyndeborough

The Lyndeborough Heritage Commission is a voter-approved board, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, to oversee and advise on all historic elements of the built environment within the Town of Lyndeborough. We have amassed a dossier on the histories of the buildings in town that were constructed over a century ago. Our interest lies in trying to maintain as many of Lyndeborough's historical structures as possible. In our advisory capacity, we are attempting to protect as much of Lyndeborough's old buildings as possible, by educating, cataloguing, and doing what is in our power to safeguard Lyndeborough's history.

The Heritage Commission acknowledges that we have no legal power to preclude a property owner from demolishing a structure. However, since our purpose is to preserve Lyndeborough's historical structures, we would appreciate your compliance with our appeal.

As part of our official position to preserve Lyndeborough's history, the Heritage Commission requests that all persons applying for a permit to demolish a structure—which can include houses, barns, outbuildings, and stone structures such as culverts, stone wells, and stone walls—follow these three guidelines:

- 1) Check with the town offices, the property history folders (located in the town offices) and the Old Houses Inventory (also located in the town offices) to see if that building or structure is over a hundred years old.
- 2) If that structure was built over a century ago, the Heritage Commission will review the application. We will provide, within 30 days, a written analysis of the historical importance of the structure to the town and its citizens.
- 3) If the Heritage Commission deems the structure to be historically significant to the town, we request that the persons consider the historic value of the building and weigh that factor into their decisions to tear down a piece of Lyndeborough's history.
- 4) If the persons insist on tearing down the structure, we request that the persons contact a member of the Heritage Commission, so that we can arrange to take both interior and exterior photographs of the structure for the town's records before the demolition occurs.

Sincerely,

Lyndeborough's Heritage Commission



Town of Lyndeborough

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Demolition Permit

Permit #: _____

Applicant Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Location of Property: _____ Tax Map _____ Lot _____

Residential: _____ Commercial: _____ Industrial: _____ Other: _____

Size of Project: _____ Describe the Proposed Project: _____

Disposal of Demolition Residue:

Wilton Recycling Center accepts shingles, wallboard, brick, insulation or other demo waste for a fee.

Demolition Residue will be disposed of as follows: _____

Acknowledgement that Heritage Commission letter has been received and reviewed:

(owner signature)

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Permit #: _____ Approved: _____ Denied: _____

Reason for Denial: _____

Date of Inspection: _____ Building Inspector: _____