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SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON THE 1881 ADIRONDACK CHURCH/MUSEUM ANNEX PROJECT

As reported to the Town of Horicon Historical Society at its meeting on Monday 1/9/17 and for report to the Town of Horicon Supervisor and Town Board at its Thursday 1/19/17 meeting.

The Horicon Town Board authorized Town Supervisor Simpson to [award the \\$65,891 new concrete foundation contract for the former 1881 Union Church to low bidder Gallup Concrete, LLC](#) [Berness Bolton Excavating Co., Inc. subcontractor] - using \$38,500 raised by the Historical Society for the 1881 Museum Annex Project in Adirondack and \$27,391 first instance Town funds to be recovered under the awarded New York State \$100,000 Project grant.

→ **Contractor got its work done before winter set in. The Church is now sitting on its new concrete foundation!**

The work included: excavation around exterior of the failed original stone foundation and underneath the actual church structure; installation of temporary cribbing and 50-foot long I-beams to hold the church structure in place while all remnants of the old foundation were removed - [leaving the church structure 'suspended' in the air!](#) old foundation removal; pouring new concrete footings; pouring new concrete foundation walls and concrete basement floor slab; installation of drainage lines and 'knee wall' from top of new concrete foundation walls to underside of original church log sill plates and earth backfilling. [\[See some construction photos on reverse side.\]](#)

→ Next steps in the complete Church Restoration Project are:

- Final aesthetic concrete screed coat at foundation knee wall and final earth grading immediately adjacent to the church structure to be done at no extra cost by foundation Contractor in warmer weather;
- Town and Society review of Rucinski Hall Architect draft construction contract public bidding documents for all work remaining now that new foundation is installed [e.g. Code-compliance including handicap access];
- New York State-compliant public bidding for that remaining construction contract work timed for receipt of bids, contract award and actual remaining construction in the coming spring construction season; and,
- Continued fundraising for the Project.

As to the \$100,000 New York State Project Grant awarded to the Town of Horicon on 10/16/15 - [15-months ago](#), we still await receipt of the formal Grant Disbursement Agreement enabling reimbursement for project expenses.

→ **Supervisor Simpson responded the same day to the State's Monday 12/12/16 tenth request for additional Project information since the 10/16/15 grant award. The Town's responses to New York State now total 268 pages.**

We express deep gratitude to Curtis Lumber-Warrensburg and 84 Lumber-Altamont for their patient, renewed commitments of new roofing material for the Project. This has been made possible by Jack Baker's sustained efforts.

We express gratitude, particularly, to the hundreds of supporters who have contributed to this exciting Museum Project, to the Town Supervisor and Town Board for their efforts and support for the Project on this Town-owned former 1881 Church site and, especially to Warren County Economic Development Corp. President Ed. Bartholomew and our State Senator Elizabeth O'C Little for their unwavering efforts to obtain the New York State \$100,000 grant.

As a 501(c)(3) organization, your contributions to the Town of Horicon Historical Society are tax deductible.



Construction photographs - December 2016 - Former 1881 Union Church in Adirondack - for Museum Use
Church was 'suspended' on cribbing & I-beams and [now is sitting on its New Concrete Foundation!](#)