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Greetings,

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, April 15th at 1:30. We will begin with a short Board of Directors meeting and follow with a general meeting. All are invited to attend the Board of Directors meeting as well as the general meeting. The location is the Slusser Senior Center, 41 Houston Drive, Contoocook . After the meeting, we will be going to the barn to do some initial planning for updates, repairs and renovations. Plan on coming.

At the March meeting, the last item in the bylaws was voted on and approved. We now have completed that task. It was one of the remaining things that needed to be done in association with the formal name change. They are now ready for review by our attorney and submission to the New Hampshire Secretary of State.

Our tax forms have been completed and filed with the New Hampshire Attorney General's Division of Charitable Trust and the Federal Internal Revenue Service. Also, the annual request for property tax exemption has been submitted to the town of Hopkinton.

The annual meeting will be held in May and at this month's meeting a nominating committee will be appointed for the election of officers. If you are interested in running for an office, please contact Brian Erickson and he will put you in touch with the nominating committee.

Peter and Verna James have been busy with their presentation about Abbot & Downing and the Concord Coach. In the past month, they have been to Portsmouth to the meeting of the Carriage Operators of North America local group, to Bow for the Concord chapter of the Retired New Hampshire State Employees and to Croydon for the Croydon Historical Society. There are several more presentations scheduled.

At the last meeting it was discussed purchasing a trailer to transport the coach. We have been taking our coach out about eight or ten times a year using "borrowed" trailers. It was felt that the Society should have one of their own. After doing a lot of research, the Board of Directors voted to purchase the new 16' flatbed trailer pictured on page two of this letter.

Verna James has started off this year's raffle with an appliqué quilt featuring New Hampshire symbols also pictured on page two. Chuck Bourbeau has re-donated the coach decanter music box! We need more items, so please give some thought to helping out on this project with more items and selling raffle tickets.

