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## **Greetings,**

The March meeting will be held on Sunday, March 11th at 1:30 in the Great Room at Havenwood on Christian Avenue in Concord. There will NOT be a Board of Directors meeting.

This is an important meeting as the main item for discussion and voting will be the approval of the new by-laws for the Society. It was decided that we need to add a by-law item that is related to the disposal of the assets in the event that the Society no longer exists, and no prior action had been taken by the Society to dispose of them. In essence this is a "last will and testament" for the society to instruct the courts on our wishes.

As proposed, the article would read like this:

### **Article IX - Dissolution**

**Section 1: A three-quarters vote of the membership and a majority vote of the Board of Directors is required for dissolution of this Society. Upon dissolution of this Society, any assets remaining after payment of debts due and owing at the time of dissolution shall be distributed per the following instructions.**

**Section 2: The museum/barn located on the Hopkinton Fair Grounds shall be deeded to the Hopkinton State Fair Association.**

**Section 3: The Concord Coach, number XIV, manufactured by L. Downing and Sons shall be donated to a historical society or museum located in the state of New Hampshire with the intent that it be on permanent display. Any decision as to which historical society or museum would receive the coach shall take into account the ability to display and maintain it with the greatest public access.**

**Section 4: The remaining assets shall either be distributed to historical societies or museums in New Hampshire or sold and the proceeds donated to the recipient of the above mentioned Concord Coach to be used for its upkeep and display expenses.**

**Existing Article IX, Amendments, shall become Article X.**

**Existing Article X, Audits, shall become Article XI**

**Existing Article XI, Parliamentary Authority shall become Article XII**

We hope to see you at the meeting. Other discussion will be on the summer activities calendar and renovations to the barn/museum.

This month's pictures are two different versions of the same photograph. The black and white one is a copy that has been widely used in many publications. The hand colored picture is the same one except that it was not cropped as much and shows some details that make it much clearer where the L. Downing & Sons shops were located. That location is directly behind where Joe King's shoe store is located, now the parking garage. The colored photograph is courtesy of Linda Banfill.

