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Greetings,

The next meeting of the Society will be held on Sunday, November 4th at 1:30 at the Hopkinton Library located on Huston Drive in Contoocook. Please enter through the main library entrance. Following a short business meeting, we will adjourn to the Barn Museum on the Hopkinton Fairgrounds.

And the reason for adjourning to the barn is to view our new Concord Coach!! On October 17th, members of the Society traveled to Lebanon New, Hampshire to take possession of the Concord Coach that had belonged to the Dartmouth College's Hood Museum of Art. The coach is circa 1852 and was built by L. Downing & Sons. It is an Eastern style hotel coach with a removable seat on the rear. Some minor restoration work was done many years ago, but is for the most part as it came out of service. It was used by the Hanover Inn to carry passengers to and from the hotel and the railroad depot across the river in Norwich, Vermont.

It was transferred to us by means of a deed of gift. The coach body is clearly marked L. Downing & Sons with the original cards tacked to the jump seat. It was picked up with our new trailer and transported to our barn in Hopkinton. We hope that many of the members will plan on coming to see it on November 4th. Spread the word and bring your friends to both the meeting and to view the coach.

This coach has been in storage and out of the public view for many, many years and we are excited about the opportunity to show one of New Hampshire's eighteen remaining coaches to the public. We hope that next summer we can take it to several events as well as display it during the Hopkinton Fair.

We are in the midst of one of our major fund raising activities headed up by Cynthia Maimone, selling BonTon coupon books. This year BonTon has raised the bar and we must sell 75 books to get awarded any of the bonus money. We need your help!!! Remember, that even if you do not use the coupons, we get to keep all of the money you give, and the books can be given to your friends and relatives as "gifts". Please help us by buying some at the meeting!!

We hope to see you at the meeting and plan on bringing your camera to take lots of pictures of the new coach.

