

Project Description: Silk, 1187 Westbrook Street

The property involves an existing 21' by 30' 2 story barn. See attached photos. The barn was built back in the 1880s and recently re-sided and re-roofed with windows replaced. Attached is a copy of plot survey plan that shows the lot and the present location of the barn. The barn is located on or near the property line and very close to the neighbor's barn (tape measured at approximately 22 inches from barn to barn).

The project simply consists of raising the barn off of the existing 16 block posts, and moving the barn three to four feet away from the property line (probably closer to its original location) and lowering it back on to be installed 16 new posts located in approximately the same location vis a vis the barn as the present posts. The new posts will be wood pressure treated (pilings), 10 to 12 inches in diameter. A drawing of the approximate location of the existing 16 block posts and the proposed new 16 posts is attached. The posts will be placed on 16 inch concrete pads. Insulation board will be placed on the ground around the pads.

That portion of the barn abutting the existing dwelling unit at 1187 Westbrook Street is presently 12 feet from the dwelling and with the proposed move that distance will become approximately 9 feet.

With the move, the distance between the Ainsworth barn and the Silk barn at the corner of the Silk barn closest to Westbrook Street will increase from 22 inches to approximately 5 feet. The distance between the Ainsworth barn and the Silk barn at the other common corner will increase from 22 inches to approximately 6 feet.

The move will allow Ainsworth access to re-side and repaint his barn, prevent significant ice blockage that develops between the two barns in the winter and prevent rain run off that flows from one barn roof to the other barn roof and then back against the exterior side of the first which damages the siding.

No other changes will be made to the structure. The barn will not increase in size. The structure will be at the same approximate elevation. No change of use will occur. The barn will not be relocated any closer to Westbrook or any further back (east) from its present location. All that is being done is it will be lifted and moved 3 to 4 feet off the property line and to the south and placed back on 16 new wooden posts.

James G. Merry Building Movers Inc., 453 Gorham Road in Scarborough (839-3213) has been hired to do the work. They are very experienced builder movers. The cost to move the barn over 3 to 4 feet is estimated to be about \$15,000. Work is expected to be undertaken in October. Tom Ainsworth, the owner of the abutting land and the Ainsworth barn, is fully aware of and has no objection to the proposed work. The other close property owner, Jim Robbins also has no objection and is fully of aware of the proposed work.