

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Marc Buske, Dangerous and Unsightly Supervisor, Amherst

**FROM:** David Buell, CBO II, FPI II, Supervisor, Cumberland County

**DATE:** February 7, 2019

**CC:**

**RE:** Site Inspection - 23 Spring Street, Amherst - PID# 25031659  
Pictures attached

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At the request of Amherst's Dangerous and Unsightly Official, an inspection was made of the above noted property. The on-site inspection was performed, and the following report filed by David Buell, Provincially certified Building Official and Fire Inspector. The site was visited at 9:30 am on the morning of February 7, 2019. The following was noted and photographed:

- The roof and attic show signs of deterioration, rot, and exposure to the outside elements.
- The front columns and support show signs of failure, including rot and collapse.
- The sides of the porch roof show signs of collapse, pulling away from the main structure exposing the framework to the elements.
- The front porch also shows signs of inadequate bracing and failure of same to properly support the continuing failures due to age and application.
- The side round buttress shows sign of weakening, rot and structural failure.
- The interior of the building shows signs of exposure to the outside elements, rot, structural failure and fatigue.
- The interior is full of debris and clutter to the point of inhibiting passage safely and has several heaters running which constitute a fire hazard.
- Several windows are broken and despite efforts penetration of the structure by human and rodent occupants is apparent.
- Signs of transient activity and signs of rodent occupancy (scat, nesting, etc.)

It is the opinion of this inspector that the building structure, specifically the front porch and side buttress window, is in a state of eventual collapse. The structure poses a serious health and fire risk and in its current state is not habitable. Possible restoration could be made with a considerable investment but until such a time the site should be secured against possible harm to the public. This would include but is not limited to; shutting off access to the interior, sealing openings in the roof and sides, and supporting those components that threaten the structures integrity. This building will further deteriorate to the point of imminent collapse if the process is not halted or reversed and as such threatens the safety of the public.

Regards  
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