

## What's Up with 9 West Main Street?

From the outside it does not look like much is going on at 9 West Main Street, but behind the ZIP boards there has been a buzz of activity. The first floor is being transformed by a myriad of talented local contractors.

The crew from Cory Record Carpentry has demoed walls and unstable rear porches. They, with a bit of help from Alexander's Barnwood, peeled off multiple layers of old roofing structures and sheathed the entire roof. Doxsee Roofing then installed an EPDM membrane roof on the flatter east side roof and will be back soon to install shingled roofs on the west side of the mixed-use structure.

Cory's crew also reframed and installed interior walls to create at least 3 interior business spaces, a shared ADA compliant restroom and ADA entrance/hallway. Wiring and plumbing are roughed in thanks to Endee Electric and Motsiff Plumbing & Heating.



*New front entrance stairs, sidewalk and foundations poured.*

To improve energy efficiency and serve as a noise barrier, Patten Insulation installed dense pack cellulose in the ceiling and Air-Tite Insulation Systems spray foamed basement rim joists and hard to reach spots, and Cory's team installed insulation in all interior and exterior walls.

**What's next?** Sheetrocking the interior is the focus of winter months. The new large windows will be installed in the spring and exterior siding in late spring or early summer. We are hoping to have the building completed in the summer of 2024.

The Community Partnership is so grateful for a host of donors whose contributions have fueled the revitalization of 9 West Main Street to date. Additional community financial support will enable us to complete the transformation of the mixed-use structure and welcome tenants in late 2024 enhancing the economic vibrancy of our Main Street.

> Chad Burr standing in front of a future window.



## Cambridge Valley Farmers Market Celebrates First Season in Owlkill Commons

In early 2023 owners of VARAK Park donated the great lawn in front of the historic Victorian structures to the Community Partnership. Immediately the Community Partnership made the Commons its home and WOW it was great fun to have the local agricultural community and a host of local musicians performing in the center of the Village on Sundays!

If we are lucky to receive NY Forward support we hope to improve infrastructure in the Commons including addressing the fallen retaining walls along this stretch of the Owlkill by stabilizing and naturalizing the stream and bringing power to the Historic Green Bridge so that musicians, vendors and the like can access electricity.

### News from Market Manager Debby Jaffe

"Customers tell us how much they like market at Owlkill Commons. They enjoy the shade trees, the bridge, and sitting at the picnic tables by the Owlkill. They also enjoy being allowed to bring their dogs to market. Some arrive by foot or bicycle. We feel like we are much more part of the village community."

The Village of Cambridge has graciously welcomed the Market's use of the old firehouse for its Winter Market and inclement weather. "The firehouse has really changed winter market because we are more visible than either of our old indoor locations and we are able to keep the same hours summer and winter. The firehouse is also more accessible to customers (no stairs) and the doors make loading and unloading much easier for vendors."

**The Winter market will run the second and fourth Sundays starting January 14<sup>th</sup> through April 28<sup>th</sup> 2024 from 10 am - 1pm. We hope to see you there!**





## New York Forward Update

In March 2023, the Village learned that it was selected to be a New York Forward Community to focus on revitalizing the Owlkill Commons with the support of a \$2.25 million allocation. The Village Board established a Local Planning Committee (LPC) supported by a team of NYS funded consultants who worked with the LPC to engage the public; develop a community vision and goals along with revitalization strategies and priority projects for the Owlkill Commons. As part of this process, community members submitted an exciting set of project proposals.

Specifically, the Community Partnership submitted three project proposals to increase vibrancy in the Commons to the LPC for consideration. The first focuses on constructing an Owl Kill Recreational Trail, the second on naturalizing the Owl Kill stream and improving park amenities near the Historic Victorian Green Bridge; and the third on rehabbing structures and improving mobility and access to open space behind 9W and the old firehouse. (See three summaries)

We were excited to learn that the LPC selected all three of the Community Partnerships projects to include in the Village of Cambridge's *NYF Strategic Investment Plan*. There were so many great initiatives suggested by the community and due to funding limitations not all can be supported. New York State will select which components of Cambridge's *Strategic Investment Plan* will be funded and plans to alert the community later in 2024.

For more information about this process and the projects under consideration by NYS please visit [www.cambridgeny.com](http://www.cambridgeny.com).

***We need your financial support to complete 9 West Main Street, and to gather matching funds for the NYForward projects.***

We seek to complete the rehabilitation of 9 West Main quickly so that this property/asset can become a hub of commercial and community activity. This will help drive success for the broader initiative.

### HOW TO DONATE?

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## Construct the Owl Kill Recreational Trail



## Naturalize the Owl Kill Stream and Improve Surrounding Park Amenities



## Rehabilitate the Red Barn and Establish the Owl Kill Trail Head and Community Park

