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At the most recent monthly meeting of the Acton Historical Commission held on Wednesday, October 12, the issue of the Morrison Farmhouse was discussed. The Commission takes exception with the recommendation of the Morrison Farm Committee that this building be demolished. The Commission notes that the Morrison Farm has significant historical import, is one of the last Depression-era farmsteads in Acton, and is closely linked with the early history of Acton and Concord. It was found to be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places by the Mass. Historical Commission in 2008.

The Commission would like to propose that the farmhouse be preserved and moved further down Concord Rd. to be closer to the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail scheduled to open next year. Options could be explored for multi-purpose use including a visitor center, historic displays highlighting Acton's agricultural heritage, and a food concession area for the rail trail traffic.

Sincerely,

The Acton Historical Commission