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As a recent recipient of a \$20,000 grant from the ***Janet Malser Humanities Trust***, the Board of Directors of the Black Tavern Historical Society have contracted with R.C. Rheault Construction to remove the outside fire escape, windows and siding from the East wall of the barn and install period shiplap siding, bringing this phase of the restoration of the barn to completion. The windows are to be closed up, a pitch door will be installed and the porte-cochère will be reframed and reroofed. R.C. Rheault will also replace some of the interior framework and buttressing of structural members.

Bateman Electric has been retained to bring electrical power to the barn and install outlets and track lighting as a result of the contributions from this grant and other sources.

With use of funds provided by other donors, especially the ***3rd graders of the Dudley Elementary School***, the entrance driveway to the barn will be graded to meet the requirements of the town of Dudley handicap access codes. Once these projects have been completed, the Society will have a compliant, updated facility with which to host various future events.