

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
SCHOOL HOUSE BUILDING PURCHASE AND REMOVAL
BID OPENING DATE:
SEPTEMBER 20, 2019 1:00PM

The Town of North Stonington is seeking qualified bidders to purchase and relocate the school house located at 119 Clarks Falls Road. Please see the attached document for information regarding the building supplied by the North Stonington Historical Society. Bidders should submit detailed proposal that includes the method of removing the building, timeline for project completion, location building will be moved to and insurance information. Please include a proposal with and without the foundation.

Preference will be given to bidder who expresses a detailed plan to maintain and preserve the historical significance of the structure at its new location.

1. **BID SUBMISSION**

All bids are to be forwarded to the Selectmen's Office, 40 Main Street, North Stonington, CT 06359 by **September 20, 2019** at 1:00 P.M. at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read. An optional walkthrough of the structure at 119 Clarks Falls Road will be held on September 10, 2019 at 2:00pm.

2. **SEALED ENVELOPE**

Bids must be submitted on the attached form and submitted in a seal envelope clearly labeled: School House Building Purchase and Removal

3. **INSURANCE**

As a condition to the award of any contract, the successful bidder(s) shall furnish certificates of insurance, including automobile, property and liability, and workers' compensation insurance minimally as follows:

Property and Liability	not less than \$1,000,000
Personal Injury and Liability	not less than \$1,000,000
Workers' Compensation	as required by law

A certificate of insurance naming the Town of North Stonington as an additional insured shall be required commencing work.

4. **PROJECT COMPLETION**

The building must be removed and all work completed by May 31, 2020.

5. **BID AWARD**

The Town of North Stonington reserves the right to reject any and all bids that are not in the best interest of the Town. All bids must be valid for at least 90 days.

6. **QUESTIONS**

Address all questions to Christine Dias, Administration & Finance Officer, at selectmen@northstoningtonct.gov. All questions must be submitted by September 13, 2019. Responses will be posted on the website, www.northstoningtonct.gov, September 16.

The Clarks Falls School House, No. Stonington, CT (Lot 119)

Greek Revival style

(ca. 1820-1860)

The Clarks Falls school house is a clear example of a 19th century public use building built in the Greek Revival style.

Increasing interest in Classical Greek architecture resulted from 18th century archeological discoveries in Greece when architectural interest shifted from classical Roman forms to classical Greek forms. A new focus on classic Greek proportions and detailing became almost doctrine to the first generation of American architects: Benjamin Latrobe, Robert Mills, and William Strickland, to name a few. In addition, illustrated carpenter guides by Asher Benjamin and Minard Lafever ensured that the Greek Revival style became widely known. It was the classical proportions found in temple structures such as the Parthenon in Athens that most inspired the Greek Revival form, and this style became the dominant architectural fashion for public and private structures in our nation during the 19th century. Banks, town halls, churches, homes, and numerous small one-room school houses were built in the Greek Revival style.

The dominant Greek Revival characteristic that the Clarks Falls school house exhibits is its simple and beautifully proportioned form. Symmetry is evident in the placement and scale of all its visual parts. The low pitched roof with gable end and recessed pediment is a virtual signature of the style. The central side-lighted entry flanked by Doric columns emulated in wood, as well as the wide corner pilasters also emulating Doric columns, are still in place. The Clarks Falls school house is a classic example of the many small Greek Revival school buildings built in 19th century New England. Representing the 14th of 15 school districts in North Stonington, the school house is an important reminder of the town's architectural and social history.

