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Inspection Report



260 Foreside Road Falmouth, Maine

Town of Falmouth Attention. Albert Farris Jr. 271 Falmouth Rd. Falmouth, ME 04105

Client:



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Inspection Circumstance

Date11-20-08	Time: 2:00 pm. Soil ConditionDry
Estimated Age Unknown	Weather/Temp Sunny / 30°
Building Type* Single Family Stories 2	Present: Selling Realtor Client Listing Realtor
*Condominium inspections do not include common or limited common areas.	Inspector Paul Griesbach

Payment Record

Total Fee: ✓ \$400.00	Paid by:	Check	Cash	Check #
Fee includes: General buildi	ng inspection.			



Summary

The building is in very poor condition and in my opinion it would be difficult to justify repairing or renovating the building because of the multiple defects found on so many levels. Defects are noted below and throughout the report.

- The flat grade next to the building is likely responsible for water damage in the basement. Expect to install gutters or good perimeter drainage if the foundation is replaced. The driveway should be considered unimproved and encroaching trees need to be trimmed back or removed. Pg. 5
- There is extensive rot damage to the front door unit including associated framing and sills. Pg. 6
- The roofing is one component of the building that is in satisfactory condition. It appears to be approximately 8-10 years old with no significant damage. Chimneys are unlined and need to be re-topped or replaced. Expect to reline chimneys when new heating appliances are attached. Pg. 7
- Windows are old and seriously rot damaged. Expect to replace them. Siding is old, cupped, curled, and much is missing. Expect extensive replacement of siding. Siding in the best condition is in the rear and on the right where it is not exposed to a great deal of sunlight. Rot damage extends to trim including fascia, door, and window trim. Expect extensive renovations. The wood bulkhead door is damaged and open to animals. Pg. 8
- There is extensive rot damage to the floor framing seen from the basement. The damage is so significant that the idea of repairing it is likely not feasible. There are holes in the walls especially on the second floor though the roof structure appears to be structurally sound. Pg. 9
- As one would expect of moist conditions in the basement, mold was seen on the underside of framing and the building is likely to have some carpenter ant activity. There is an open pit under a platform in the basement that was not fully inspected because it was inaccessible. It is unknown exactly the function of this though it may be a sump box. Pg. 10
- The heating system, including the boiler, heat distribution piping, and the baseboard is old and damaged and in need of replacement. Pg. 11
- There is no water to the building but it is obvious that water piping was frozen with split pipes, cut piping, and poor initial installation of both supply and waste piping. Expect to replace all of it. Pg. 12
- Bathrooms are filthy with damage to vinyl tile, interior finish, and fixtures are old and obsolete. Expect to do extensive renovation and replacement of bathrooms. Pg. 13
- The floor tile in the kitchen is of the size and age that it likely contains asbestos. This should be mitigated before the building is renovated. New ground fault wiring was installed at kitchen and bathroom locations and additional wiring throughout the building. This is another component that appears to have been done in a satisfactory way. Pg. 14



- There is no power to the building but, as mentioned above, some of the electrical work has been recently upgraded and the work appears to have been done by a qualified person. There are, however, no smoke detectors. Pg. 15
- There is significant sagging and sloping of floors as one would expect considering the condition of framing
 throughout the building. There is mold in the rear kitchen area, holes in walls, and in general the condition of
 walls and ceilings inside is not good. The fireplace has been blocked off and the chimneys should be lined.
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- Consider the attic poorly insulated with only a few inches of vermiculite insulation. Be aware that this insulation may contain trace amounts of asbestos and should be tested prior to being disturbed. If it needs to be disturbed it does not require special mitigation however it is recommended that it be properly bagged and removed using sensible precautions. The building is open to squirrels, mice, and other animals and as mentioned earlier the condition of the building is such that repair of the building does not seem feasible. Pg. 17

Dear Al,

Thank you for asking me to do your home inspection. Please read the report over carefully and call me if you have any questions.

Regards, Paul



Grounds

There is a gradual grade to the front.
The grade tends to be flat. Without gutters this will encourage roof water to find its way into to the basement.
Asphalt Concrete Flagstone Brick Other
Asphalt Concrete ☑ Gravel Other
Consider the driveway unimproved.
Wood Metal
 What is unsatisfactory is the encroaching tree in the rear on the right side that has branches that overhang the building. The tree should be removed because of its close proximity to the building.
Wood Concrete Stone Other
Concrete Brick Stone Flagstone



Grounds Cont.

Stairs to Building	Steps:	Wood E	Brick	Concrete	☑ Granite	Handrails	Guardrails N/A
✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	Landings:	Wood E	Brick	Concrete	☑Granite		IV/A
Exterior Doors Satisfactory ✓Unsatisfactory	➤The front door will include adja					is in need of	replacement. This
Porch Satisfactory Unsatisfactory ☑N/A							
Deck /Balcony Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	On Grade	Raised		Handrails	Guardrail	s	
✓N/A	Pressure Tre	ated Lumb	ber		Concrete	Piers	
Outbuildings							
Satisfactory Unsatisfactory ☑N/A							



Roof and Chimney

Roof Covering				
Location:	Material:	Approx Age:	Condition	:
✓All	☑ Tab shingles	☑ 8-10 yrs	✓Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Flashing ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory N/A	✓ Aluminum Galva	anized Coppo	er Lead Other	
Gutters and Downspouts Satisfactory Unsatisfactory ✓N/A	Aluminum Galvani Downspout Extensions:	·	Wood Other	
Chimney 1	Location: ☑Rear			
Satisfactory ☑ Unsatisfactory	Block ☑ Brick	Metal Oth	er Lined	 Unlined
N/A	This chimney needs to be r	e-topped or repla	aced.	
<u>Chimney 2</u> ✓ Satisfactory	Location: ☑ Rear, right			
Unsatisfactory	Block ☑ Brick	Metal Oth	er Lined	✓Unlined
N/A				



Exterior

Windows and Skylights	Window Flashing	Insulated Glass	✓Storm Windows	S
Satisfactory	Window Type: ☑Double Hung	Casement Awning	g Sliding	Fixed
☑Unsatisfactory	Window Material: Metal Vinyl	Vinyl covered Wood	☑ Wood Otl	ner

- The windows are in poor condition.
- They are old double hung windows with peeling paint and loose and missing putty.
- There is rot damage to much of the frame and trim work. Expect to replace the windows.

Exterior Siding	Satisfactory U nsatisfactory		
Location	Material	Condition:	
✓All	✓ Cedar shingles	✓Satisfactory	✓Unsatisfactory
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory

- Much of the siding is weathered, cupped, curled, damaged, or missing.
- The siding in the best condition is in the rear inside corner and on the right side. Expect to do extensive residing of the building.

Exterior Trim ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	There is rot damage at all door and window areas and corner trim. Expect to remove all wood trim, much of the siding, and refinish the outside of the building. Expect to find some rot damaged sheathing and wood framing.
Garage / Carport Satisfactory Unsatisfactory ✓N/A	Attached Detached Door Operator Operating Safety Reverse The wood bulkhead door to the basement is rot damaged and in need of replacement.



Structure

Type of Building	✓ Single Fan	nily	Multi-Unit	Cond	ominium Unit	Other	
Construction Type	☑ Wood Fran	me	Other				
Roof Design	☑Gable	Shed	Hip	Gambrel	Flat	Dormer	Other
Foundation ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	✓Poured Co Slab on Gra		Brick	Block	✓Stone	Granite	Other
J							
Posts / Supports	Steel N	Masonry	₩wood	None	Not Visible	Other	
✓Satisfactory ✓Unsatisfactory							
Floor Structure Floor Joist Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	2x6 2x8 ✓Post and	2x10 Beam	2x12 Other	Engineered	l Truss T	russ Joist	
Joist Spacing Satisfactory ✓Unsatisfactory	24" o.c. 16	o.c.	✓3' o.c. Rai	ndom Othe	er		

- The framing, especially in the front, should be considered beyond repair. It is extremely rot damaged and in need of replacement.
- There is mold contamination on sheathing and serious damage to sills, joists, and columns.
- The condition of the framing would suggest the alternative of demolishing the building and starting over.

Carrying Beam ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	✓Wood	Steel	Other				
Wall Structure ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	2 x 6	2 x 4	✓Post	and Beam			
There is a hole the rain penetration and					rear and in the attic.	These areas are suscep	tible to
Roof Structure ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	2 x 12	2 x 10	2 x 8	2 x 6	Engineered Truss	☑ Post and Beam	Other



Basement (or Lower Level)

Basement Type	 Full	Partial	None	Slab on Grac	le	
Basement Walls	☑Open	Closed	% Close	d Othe	r	
Basement Dampn		Some Signs	Extensi ☑ Present	ve Nor Unknow	ne Observed	
	oned earlier, the	re is mold on	walls and ceil	ings. All debr	is and superflu	ous material should be
removed. • If the build building.	ing is to be refur	bished, be sur	re gutters are	installed to col	lect roof water	and drain it away from the
Basement Ceiling	✓Open	Closed	% Closed	l Other	<u> </u>	
The basement fra deterioration until t	•			re there is extr	eme damage. 1	Expect continued
deterioration until t	ne building is re	praced or rend	ovated.			
Floor ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	☑ Co	oncrete I	Oirt O	ther Car	pet N/A	
Offsatisfactory						
Crawl Space Satisfactory	Not Acces	ssible / Not O	bserved V	apor Barrier	Insulation	Ventilation
Unsatisfactory ☑N/A	Floor	:	Concrete	Dirt	Other	
	Dampness	s: So:	me Signs	Extensive	None Obser	rved
Floor Drain:	Satisfactory	Unsati	sfactory	✓N/A		
Sump Pump:	Tested Not	Tested	Satisfacto	ory Un	satisfactory	U nknown
There was an ope accessible and not i		front in the b	asement and o	one could see u	nderneath a pla	atform area but it was not



Heating System

Heating System	Fuel:	Gas ☑ Oil	Electric	Wood		
	Heat Source:	Forced Hot Air				
	<u>Age:</u> ☑ 40 yrs	Radiant Heat	Electric Bas	eboard Other		
Capacity:	Satisfactory	✓Unsatisfactory	N/A			
Fuel supply:	☑Oil Tank In B Electricity	✓Oil Tank In Basement Outside oil tank Public Gas Supply Electricity Wood Propane Other				
Fire Box /Heat Exchanger:	Partially Observe Have Condition	ed Not Observed Checked Before Settlem	Closed Combu	stion N/A		
Distribution	Radiators	Convective Baseboard	s Radiant	Convectors		
Piping:	Z Connor	Galvanized Cas	. 1	. 37' '11		
	☑Copper	Garvanized Cas	t Iron Pipes N	ot Visible		
	Ductwork	✓ Heat Source in e	1	ot visible ✓Yes No		
with the entire heat	Ductwork e that the pipes have f	✓ Heat Source in e	ach Room:			
	Ductwork e that the pipes have f	☑Heat Source in erozen in all locations. End require the lining of	ach Room: xpect to replace the the chimney.	⊻ Yes No		
with the entire heat	Ductwork e that the pipes have f ting system. This wor	☑Heat Source in erozen in all locations. End require the lining of	ach Room: xpect to replace the the chimney.	✓Yes No heat distribution piping along		
Humidifier Supplementary H Satisfactory Unsatisfactory VN/A	Ductwork e that the pipes have f ting system. This work Atomizer Evapo Leat Wood	☑Heat Source in erozen in all locations. End require the lining of rator Steam Not all Stove Fireplace	ach Room: xpect to replace the the chimney. Functioning No Unit Heater	Yes No heat distribution piping along t Tested ✓N/A Other		
Humidifier Supplementary H Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	Ductwork e that the pipes have f ting system. This wor	☑Heat Source in erozen in all locations. End require the lining of rator Steam Not all Stove Fireplace	ach Room: xpect to replace the the chimney.	Yes No heat distribution piping along t Tested ✓N/A Other Age of System:		
Humidifier Supplementary H Satisfactory Unsatisfactory VN/A	Ductwork e that the pipes have fiting system. This work Atomizer Evapore Wood Market Wood Ma	☑Heat Source in erozen in all locations. End require the lining of rator Steam Not all Stove Fireplace	ach Room: xpect to replace the the chimney. Functioning No Unit Heater	 ✓Yes No heat distribution piping along t Tested ✓N/A Other 		



Plumbing

Water Service	✓Public	Private	Sa	tisfactory	Unsatisf	actory
	Pipes:	☑Copper	Galvanized	Plastic	Pipes No	ot Visible
Piping Satisfactory	Copper	Galvanized	Brass	Plastic	Not Visible)
Satisfactory ✓ Unsatisfactory	<u>Leaks:</u>	Some Signs	Extensive	None	Observed	
N/A	Cross Conne	ections: N	Ione Observed			
	Hose Bibbs:	Operatin	g Not Ope	rating F	rost Free	Not Tested
The pipes have been c include supply piping ar			fixtures. Expe	ect to re-plum	b the entire	building. This would

Drain/Waste/Vent	☑Copper	✓Galvanized	Brass	✓Plastic	☑ Cast Iron
Satisfactory	<u>Leaks</u>	Extensive	I	None Observed	
✓Unsatisfactory N/A	Drain Function	Slow	Sa	tisfactory	
	Waste Disposal	☑ Pu	blic	Private Not	Known

>As mentioned above this material should be removed and replaced.

Water Heater	Electric	Gas	☑Oil	✓In	tegral with hea	ting systen	n
Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	✓ Unsatisfactory Capacity: ✓ On		On demand ✓Ample for 3-5 people				
N/A	Age:	☑Pre	ssure Relief V	alve	Extension:	✓Yes	No

This is part of the boiler and would be replaced along with the other material.



Bathrooms

Bathroom 1 Location: ✓ 1 st Floor	☑Toilet ☑Lavatory Stall Shower Vanity	Built in tub Whirl ☑Window Fan	pool ☑Tub ☑GFCI Outlet
Location. VI Floor	Shower Wall Covering:	Ceramic Tile Fiberglass	s Plastic ☑ N/A
Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	Floor Covering:	inyl Tile Linoleum	Sheet Goods
N/A	Water Problems: Lea	ks Moisture Damage	Loose Toilet ☑N/A

What is unsatisfactory is the dilapidated condition of the bathroom and the serious damage to the sheathing and finishes.

Bathroom 2	☑ Toilet ☑ Lavatory	☑Built in tub Whi	rlpool Leg Tub
	Stall Shower Vanity	☑ Window Fan	☑ GFCI Outlet
Location: 2 nd Floor	Character Wall Carrette	Committee File File on Land	TDI
	Shower Wall Covering:	Ceramic Tile Fiberglass	✓Plastic N/A
Satisfactory	Floor Covering:	yl Tile Linoleum	Sheet Goods
✓Unsatisfactory			
N/A	Water Problems: Leaks	Moisture Damage	Loose Toilet ☑ N/A

[➤] Here the flooring is damaged and the finish material in the bathroom needs to be removed and replaced. Expect all fixtures in the bathroom to be replaced. Extensive remodeling of the bathrooms will be required.

Bathroom3	Toilet Lavatory	Built in tub Whirlpool	Leg Tub
	Stall Shower Vanity	Window Fan	GFCI Outlet
Location:	Shower Wall Covering:	Ceramic Tile Fiberglass	s Plastic N/A
Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	Floor Covering: Cera	umic Tile Linoleum	Sheet Goods
☑ N/A	Water Problems: Leaf	ks Moisture Damage	Loose Toilet N/A
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Kitchen and Appliances

Cabinets and Counterto ✓Satisfactory	g GFCI Ou	tlets: ⊻ Yes No	have been install been upgraded by	coom there are ground fault outlets that led as electrical premises wiring has ut there is no power to the building so functioning properly is unknown.
Sink Satisfactory	Plumbing Leal	ks <u>:</u> ✓No Wat	er	
Disposal: Satisfactory ✓N/A	Operating Age:			
Dishwasher Satisfactory ✓N/A	Operating Age:			
Range/Oven Satisfactory ✓N/A	✓Operating Age:	Gas	Electric	
Ventilation Satisfactory	Operating E ✓No Venting	Exhaust fan Ductle Installed	ess Vented to the	outside Filter Light
Refrigerator Satisfactory ✓N/A	✓Operating Age:			
Other Appliances Satisfactory	Operating Type:	Age: _		
Floor ✓Satisfactory	✓ Vinyl tile	Sheet goods	Ceramic Ha	ardwood Other
Clothes Washer Satisfactory N/A	Operating Age:			
Clothes Dryer Satisfactory N/A	Operating Age:	Gas	Electric	Vented to the outside Clean out exhaust duct
The 9x9 vinyl tiles like finish material.	ly contain asbes	tos. There is mold or	n the ceiling and m	nultiple cracks. Expect to remove the



Electrical

Service Entrance Cable	Capacity: ✓ 100 Amps ✓ 120 /240 Volts Outside Disconnect					
✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	Service Entrance Conductors: ✓ Overhead Underground					
C IISMUSTACTOLY	Conductor Material: Copper ✓Aluminum					
Main Service Panel	Location: ☑Basement ☑Grounded ☑Bonded					
✓ Satisfactory	Means of Disconnect:					
Unsatisfactory	Adequate Clearance and Working Space: ✓Yes No					
	Water Pipe Grounded: ✓Yes No					
	Ample Capacity: ✓Yes No					
	Capacity of Main Disconnect: ☑ 100 Amps					
	There is no power to the building.					
Sub panel	Location: Fuses Circuit Breakers					
Satisfactory Unsatisfactory N/A						
Circuits and Conductors Satisfactory	Ample # of Circuits: Yes ☑No					
Unsatisfactory	Branch Circuit Wiring Type: ☑Copper Aluminum					
	 Much of the electrical wiring has been upgraded with ground faulted outlets at many of the appropriate and required locations. There were also receptacles installed at various locations. Nothing was tested because there was no power but it appears to have been professionally done. 					
Ground Fault Outlets (GFCI) Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	Exterior Kitchen Basement Bathrooms					
Outlets, Fixtures and Switches Satisfactory Unknown	Random Testing Reversed Polarity Open Ground					
Smoke Detectors	Battery Operated Hard Wired Carbon Monoxide					
Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	 For additional safety, consider installing 'hard wired' smoke detectors on each floor and in the bedrooms. Detectors should be interconnected with battery backup. 					



<u>Interior</u>

Floors Satisfactory	Hardwood ✓Softwood ✓Wall-to-Wall Carpet Other
✓ Unsatisfactory	 There was obvious sagging of floors especially on the front on the right which is an indication of the poor condition of the framing. Carpets that exist are worn, damaged, and in need of replacement.
Walls Satisfactory	☑Plaster Drywall Wood Paneling Other
✓ Unsatisfactory	There is mold in the rear kitchen area on the second floor and holes through walls on the second floor on the right.
Ceilings Satisfactory ✓Unsatisfactory	Plaster Drywall ✓ Paneling ✓ Ceiling tile
Stairs/Railings ✓Satisfactory Unsatisfactory	
Fireplace/Stove	Flue liner Damper: Operating Not Operating Clean before use
Satisfactory ✓ Unsatisfactory	Metal pre-fab Free-standing Wood stove insert
N/A	➤ The fireplace is blocked off.
Doors (inside) Satisfactory ✓N/A	



<u>Attic</u>

Complete attic access Limited attic access Behind knee walls only					
☑Direct observation Not observed No access					
✓Stairs Pull down Access panel ✓Not Insulated					
✓Some sign Extensive Mold/Mildew Condensation None observed					
There are holes in sheathing on gable ends where squirrels and other animals can find their way in. The building should be considered poorly insulated.					
Heavy ✓Light Floored Not floored N/A					
Type: Fiberglass Cellulose Rock wool Polystyrene ✓Vermiculite					
Amount Rafters: Avg. Inches Approx. R Value					
installed at ✓ Floor: Avg. Inches 2-4 ✓ Approx. R Value 6-8					
Above Ceiling: Avg. Inches Approx. R Value					
Other: Avg. Inches Approx. R Value					
Air baffles installed Yes No Unnecessary Vent path from eve blocked Yes No					
The vermiculite insulation may have trace amounts of asbestos in it. It should be bagged up prior to any renovations. The building is open to squirrels or other animals.					
Windows Attic Fan Whole House Fan Turbine Roof Vents Ridge Vent Soffit Vent ✓ Gable End Louvers					