



Neighborhood Housing Trust takes stewardship of historic North Street Apartments in Kennebunkport

Transfer from South Church Housing Corporation preserves eight affordable homes in a 130-year-old building for workforce housing

KENNEBUNKPORT, MAINE - August 31, 2026 - The Neighborhood Housing Trust has taken stewardship of an eight-unit apartment building at 6 North Street in Kennebunkport. The transfer of ownership from the dissolving South Church Housing Corporation ensures the homes can remain affordable for its residents, and that the building will be preserved as much needed workforce housing just steps from Dock Square.

Built in 1895 by Capt. Joseph H. Jeffery as a rooming house, the building sits on a 0.6-acre lot and includes five one-bedroom units and three two-bedroom units. Since 1975, the building has been owned and operated by the South Church Housing Corporation, a non-profit formed by members of the next door South Congregational Church. After 50 years of stewardship, that organization sought another local housing group to keep the building managed as workforce housing and approached the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT).

“Expanding our work to serve current and future tenants is exciting,” said Larissa Crockett, executive director of the NHT. “The tenants who call this building home serve our community as volunteers and workforce, and they care for each other as neighbors. We are grateful for the opportunity to continue the excellent work of the South Church Housing Corporation in providing safe and efficient housing for long-standing Kennebunkport residents.”

South Church chose NHT specifically because of the organization's shared mission and deep roots in the community. NHT is a local, neighbor-led organization, not a distant corporation, and the transfer keeps the historic building's affordability intact for the long term.



“This transition represents a positive step forward and will provide the property and its residents with the support of a larger, well-established, and better-resourced nonprofit organization dedicated to providing safe, affordable housing,” said Jeff Troiano, president of the South Church Housing Corporation.

As stewards of the property, NHT will keep the units affordable while investing in improvements that will make North Street Apartments safer, more comfortable, and more energy-efficient — ready to serve the community for another 100 years. NHT is actively raising funds to replace the roof, heating systems, windows, and other crucial improvements. Crockett said the organization was looking for a partner to make an impactful donation in exchange for naming rights for the property.

NHT exists to help Kennebunk, Kennebunkport, and Arundel remain year-round communities — places where the people who work here can also afford to live here. North Street Apartments is a direct, tangible example of that mission in action.

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The Neighborhood Housing Trust, formerly the Kennebunkport Heritage Housing Trust, was founded in 2018. Its mission is to sustain Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Arundel as year-round communities by providing housing accessible to working families and seniors. The Trust and its board are working towards vibrant, multigenerational and diverse communities where citizens raise their families, support the schools, volunteer with their neighbors, enrich the workforce, and contribute to the communities’ treasured quality of life. Learn more, apply for a residence, or donate at www.nhtmaine.org.