

NEW OWNERS



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Gail Singh and Shannon Anderson with new Nothin' Fancy co-owners Francis "Frankie" Eason III (beside Singh) and Jerry Peel Jr. (seated) during a farewell party at the restaurant for Singh and Anderson held recently. Peer and Eason are the former owners of Frankie's Hertford Cafe in Hertford, which closed in 2005 after a 13-year run.

CHURCH

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timate for moving the house without knowing where we were moving it to and the people we talked to said it would be almost impossible."

The church also contacted Preservation North Carolina, a group that tries to put together buyers for historic homes but no one was interested, Hurst said.

So Hurst said the group worked with Governor's Antiques Ltd., a Richmond, Va., company to save what older things that could be saved, including the wood floors. The group spent six weeks at the site. Some of the siding was also salvaged.

But Hurst said there wasn't that much historic things left. At one point the windows in the back were stained glass. Those had long been replaced. The plaster walls were replaced with drywall. Even some of the wood was not original to the house.

Area residents were upset with the decision.

"Neighbors begged the church not to destroy it, to no avail," said Melanie James, a Front Street resident. "The church indisputably had the right to tear it down. However, having the right to do something does not mean one should do that thing."

Erin Hazen, who lives next door to the demolished home, said the demolition is a loss to the entire town.

"Through group efforts over countless months, we failed to save a grand home so structurally sound the salvagers couldn't even take all they wanted from her. Designed after the St. Louis World's Fair, the "Buck House" was a stately welcome to the history of our charming town. In her last moments, we shall collectively weep for her loss, our loss, Hertford's loss."

Hurst estimates it could take two days to haul away all the debris. Once that's done, the plan is to put gravel down, then dirt and plant

grass seed.

"When it's finished, it will look like a yard, but it will be parkable," Hurst said. "We can use it for parking and kids can play on it."

Hertford UMC has roots dating back to 1822. It acquired property on Dobbs and Covent Garden in 1833 to build a one-story building to house the original 28 members.

A second building was built in 1855 and in 1901 the present sanctuary was built.

A new Sunday school building was built in the late 1920s and in 1962 construction started on the education building.

The problem, Hurst said, is there was no more room to grow. The church owns three lots on Dobbs Street, including a parking lot, but it's far away from the actual church.

"The problem with any downtown church is its life span without expansion, and for us that was impossible. We were completely landlocked."

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is one of the issues the commission must consider.

McCann said he's certified to appraise property in more than two dozen states, including North Carolina.

McCann said he visited the area on July 13 and toured the Apex site as well as the site for the project known as Amazon Wind Farms East. It straddles Perquimans and Pasquotank counties, and features more than 100 wind turbines.

The Apex project is similar in size, but the turbine height may be taller. Timbermill would cover hundreds of acres in western

Perquimans and eastern Chowan counties. Most of the property is owned by Weyerhaeuser, a timber company.

If Timbermill is allowed to move forward, Apex officials say it would generate about \$250,000 a year in Perquimans County taxes. Timbermill would also generate

lease revenue to the property owners, including some farmers, who are part of the project.

Opponents say it would ruin the rural nature of the Bear Swamp area, lower property values and create health issues because things like "shadow flicker" and noise.

Minzies Creek Sanitary District

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