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Demolition inside Stearns Tavern clearing way for relocation

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Ricciardi Brothers Construction workers, Josh Duquette and Keith Raymond knock down the bank tellers counter at the Stearns Tavern building/Steven King photo

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Ricciardi Bros. Inc. began demolition inside the historic Stearns Tavern today, April 18, in preparation for the building's move to the Coes Knife area in a few month's time.



Bullet proof glass removed from tellers stations will go to a salvage company.

Jimmy Ricciardi and his team were volunteering their time on the project. Preservation Worcester director Deb Packard said the team working on the Stearns Tavern move has received hundreds of thousands of dollars in free labor since the undertaking began.

“The solid structure, with the large beams – it’s a well put together building,” Ricciardi said. “... houses today aren’t built like that anymore.”

Ricciardi Bros. is not moving the building – that job will fall to a to-be-determined company. The city’s Business Retention Manager, Phil Niddrie, said the building’s moving date is also not yet determined, but it could be moved by the end of June. District 5 City Councilor Gary Rosen, a leader in the Coes Zone Task Force that is working on beautifying the Coes Pond area, was also on hand to watch construction workers tear out the old banking counter – no historic portions of the building are being removed.



Unlocked safety deposit draws will be taken by a salvage company.