

Town House Advisory Group Minutes
September 21, 2017

Present: Rocky Fuller, Curt Albee, Martha Manheim, Steve Willbanks, Steve Handy, Paul Kifner, Martha Clelia, Donna Hollinger, Lori Mikusa

The following business was covered:

1. Paul Kifner reviewed past recent events, as well as those coming up. Wrensong will return to the Town House for a performance on Sunday. We need to promote this concert as last year's event was poorly attended. Paul will talk to Therese Linehan and Bob Bauer.
The gathering of the Timber Framers Guild from around New England in Strafford earlier this month was judged a great success. One individual from out of state was so impressed with the Town House and our preservation efforts that he donated \$500 to the Spire Restoration Project. Some additional funds are expected from the event, although the actual amount is still to be determined.
2. John Freitag is working on the Vermont Historic Preservation Grant application and making good progress according to Rocky. We would also like to access a sizable contribution from the Mix Fund that the Trustees of Public Funds manage. Rocky has scheduled a meeting with the Trustees on Oct. 17.
We need to still get grant applications into the Byrne Foundation, The Windham Foundation and Historic New England.
We also need to seek funds from the Ned Coffin Community Building Fund
3. The exterior light, which illuminates the Town House after dark, has a new timer. The committee voted to keep the schedule time of illumination from 6 PM to 12 AM.
4. All agreed with Rocky's recommendation to have Ruben Sotak move forward with preservation carpentry projects including a new threshold for the left front door and window restoration. Rocky will speak to Ruben regarding scheduling.
5. The attic walkway is complete and the attic has undergone a thorough cleanout thanks to volunteer help and a generous donation. We need to further develop our lighting plan for this space. We also need to do something about providing electrical power to the Common.
6. The Group decided to discontinue our \$300+/year listing on the Vermont Weddings.com website as it has produced little benefit.
7. The audio –visual equipment that was purchased with the proceeds from the grant from the Vermont Council of The Arts is due to arrive in a couple of weeks. Paul Kifner will take care of it all.
8. Next Meeting: October 19, at 7 PM at Martha Manheim's house