

## Town House Advisory Group Minutes 1/18/18

Present: Rocky Fuller, Chair, Curt Albee, Vice Chair, Steve Willbanks, Martha Manheim, Steve Handy, Paul Kifner, Overseer

1. Fund raising efforts for the Town House spire restoration have been largely successful with significant donations made by the Byrne Foundation, the Ned Coffin Community Fund, The Trustees of Public Funds, the Vermont Historic Preservation Grant, and many individual donations. We are waiting to hear from the Windham Foundation regarding our application for a \$15K grant, which, if successful, would bring our fund raising total to approximately \$95K  
Given our progress, Rocky has contacted Jan Lewandowski, who will do the work, to give Jan the go-a-head to put the Town House on his schedule. Jan will likely start work in July.  
The Vermont Historical Preservation grant of \$20K will be received only when all the work has been completed. We will need to make arrangements to accommodate this. There are also several requirements for the grant of a bureaucratic nature that Rocky will take care of by coordinating with Caitlin Corkins, VHP grant coordinator.  
There is still approximately \$200 left of the \$2K grant Catamount Solar provided last year to underwrite the Town House summer music series. We need to contact Catamount to find out if they would be willing to renew their support for this year.  
There is also approximately \$1K left from the Ed Levin Fund. This will be used for the electrical work to supply lighting to the new walkway. Rocky will coordinate with either Tom Root or Jeff Clark
2. Reuben Sotak will be starting in on some sash repair on some of the windows in the bell tower. All agreed that it would be nice to have someone to rely upon for the repairs of a historic nature.
3. Paul Kifner tested our new sound equipment, which he reports works great. Hanover Strings will help with lighting in the spring. The summer music schedule has been set already, although THAG would like to find a group similar to Dwight and Nicole for a higher profile fund raising event in June. We need to do some work here. Paul offered to talk to Michael Caduto regarding arts grants from the Vermont Council for the Arts to support/sponsor music events.
4. Rocky will write the THAG report for the annual Town Report regarding our activities this past year.
5. Next THAG meeting is set for February 15.

