

## THAG MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 25, 2016

Present: Rockwell Fuller, Silas Treadway, Curt Albee, Steve Handy, Martha Manheim, Chuck Sherman, Paul Kifner and guest Russell Farley

1. Paul Kifner reported good attendance at the concerts on the common, with one left to go, Kenny O'Dell's group on September 6. Paul asked for support for the upcoming Wrensong concert in the Town House on September 11 at 5 p.m. Though their concert last summer was poorly attended, the singers are excellent and liked the acoustics of the building so much that they wanted to come again. Suggestions for publicity were made, and a poster is ready for posting (correction of errors made). The proceeds will go to the Town House in exchange for Paul's recording of the event, and it was suggested that the poster note that the income would begin the funding for repairs of the spire.

Possibility of another Dave Clark concert was discussed: his proposal involved food and drink. Our policy about alcohol made that unfeasible, and it was further argued that we would not have time to manage the scale of his proposal in the time left of the season.

Paul also reported that Jeremiah McLane was willing to do a concert with proceeds to the Town House in return for recording the program.

2. Jan Lewandowski's estimate for restoration of the spire, involving moving it to the ground for repairs was shared. The gross estimate was about 95 to 100,000 dollars, the group felt that would be a difficult sum to fund and decided to pursue another estimate from Skyline Engineers, who have steeplejack experience. They may be able to estimate repairing the spire in place. No commitment can be made until funding is available, but estimates will enable us to set the fundraising goal.

3. Suggestions for fundraising efforts ensued. State and federal grant agencies, crowd funding online (managed by Peter Revers), local fundraising. Rocky will ask if the Selectboard could endorse the project while we fundraise. The hope is to begin work next summer, and Silas agreed to do patching if necessary before the full renewal efforts begin.

4. Home Partners has completed the contracted painting of the building for this year. Rocky received one concern that it was too shiny, and he explained that the paint was that used in the past and that a winter of weather would reduce the sheen.

5. Other business. Brenda has a contract to clean the Backhouse every two weeks during the season. The building has received a lot of use this summer.

Next meeting: Thursday, September 22, at Martha Manheim's house.