

TOWN HOUSE ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
September 27, 2018

Attending: Rockwell Fuller, Chair, Steve Handy, Paul Kifner, Overseer, Steve Willbanks, Martha Manheim, and Donna Hollinger

1. The spire restoration is progressing. Timber framing repairs have been considerable with the upper crab structural frame to be mostly rebuilt as well as the rafters for the ogee roof above the lantern. Mike Hebb has turned a ball for the tip of the weathervane mast and is turning an 18" x 23" double ball to which the weathervane rod is mounted. Doc Bagley has forged a copper cap for the rod insert. Rocky has been in contact with Fiona Blunder, the gilder from Bridgewater Mill about the gold leafing of the weathervane and small ball above it. A generous donation was received to accomplish this task. Shingles are starting to go on the spire itself. The shingles have been pre-stained. Given the cold weather approaching, it may be necessary to wrap the structure to finish the painting prior to the lifting of the structure back in place.
2. June event ideas were solicited. Suzanne Lupien has offered to do some serious food preparation for the event. Paul Kifner reported that AliT would like to play the Town House.
3. The Town House will be used for voting on Election Day November 6. Construction gear on the west side of the interior of the building should not interfere with the voting booths. They can be set up on the east side. Paul Kifner will remove sound equipment to the second floor of the Town Clerk's office this week.
4. Electrical/lighting ideas were solicited. Rocky will touch base with the Vermont Historic Preservation group for lighting resources/recommendations.
5. Eli Mintz and his crew took down a deteriorating maple tree on the West side of the hill to the Town House.
6. Rocky and or Silas will write up a short article for the Strafford News on the restoration process of the spire and lantern.
7. The next meeting of the Town House Advisory Group is scheduled for November 15 at 7 PM at Martha Manheim's

Minutes submitted by: Steve Handy