

TOWN HOUSE ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
July 29, 2021

Attending: Rockwell Fuller, chair, Curt Albee, deputy chair, Paul Kifner, overseer, Tim Bergeron, Donna Hollinger, Steve Handy, Chris Hudspeth.

1. The Advisory Group met with all attendees wearing masks per CDC guidelines.
2. The fee schedule for the Town House use was reviewed by the group which voted unanimously to keep fees as they currently are. Paul pointed out that non-resident weddings seem to be more trouble than they are worth, given the low fee, which is currently set at \$600.
3. Chris Hudspeth and Paul Kifner presented considerations involved with making recordings of the music performances at the Town House. Chris offered to look into a standard “boiler plate” contract and pointed out that original songs by performers and “fair use” songs are easier to deal with in terms of copyright law. Paul pointed out that there is little scheduled for the Town House in the near future, with the exception of a Historical Society event. Beyond that, indoor use of the building will be limited for the immediate future given Covid uncertainty.
4. Bob McAllister has very generously donated an electric piano keyboard for use at the Town House. There was some discussion of building shelving in the storage area for this instrument as well as other audio equipment.
5. The backhouse path needs maintenance, Rocky mentioned using an aggregate that compacts well and stays in place. He will obtain a quote. This will include some water diversion at the front of the Town House.
6. Silas Treadway is starting to paint the lantern. He will need a tender to help. Rocky, Curt and Steve have offered to assist as necessary. Additionally, the railing of the belfry needs replacing. Mike Catroneo who has worked on the lantern and spire previously will provide an estimate. The funds for this are available to us presently.
7. Landscape ideas for the steep bank in front of the Town House was solicited. Ideas for this ranged from a stone wall to ground cover.
8. A timber framer, Sean Dalton, who is teaching a timber framing course in the area, asked to view the Town House attic with his class on August 23. The group will facilitate this request.
9. The next meeting of the Town House Advisory Group is scheduled for September 23 at 5 PM at the Town House.