

TOWN HOUSE ADVISORY GROUP
MINUTES
December 16, 2021

Attending: Rockwell Fuller, chair, Paul Kifner, overseer, Tim Bergeron, Steve Handy

1. The budget for 2022 was discussed. It was agreed that the request for 2022 should be held level with last year's budget (\$13,500). The Town House reserve fund stands at \$39,871 and there is an additional \$9,312 left from the Spire Project not including this year's donations. The Group felt that there would be adequate resources for the coming year.
2. Rocky has solicited bids from Blake Spencer, Karl Johnston and Mike Catroneo for the bell tower railing replacement. Mike was the only one to respond with an estimate. The Group agreed that we should move forward with Mike, as he does an excellent job. (He provided the railing for the lantern in 2018)
3. The Group agreed to move forward with WiFi for the Town House. Rocky will contact EC Fiber.
4. Martha Manheim has made a significant donation to the Town House. There was discussion about whether or not to place this donation in the endowment fund (Mix Fund) designated for the preservation of the Town House. There was also some discussion of a possible name change (if possible) for this fund since there have been several other large contributors to it.
5. Currently the Mix Fund is overseen by the Trustees of Public Funds and managed by Mascoma Bank. Rocky will contact the Trustees in regard to this fund about the current investment strategy and any policy changes.
6. Given the recent developments with regard to Covid-19, the Group felt it was ill-advised to hold Town Meeting in the Town House. The Selectboard will have to address this issue prior to March.
7. Our own Paul Kifner was awarded the Ned Coffin Community Award this year. With all of his hard work as Overseer of the Town House and as the organizer of the very popular outdoor concerts on the Common he was a great choice.
8. Rocky has met with Matt Loftus to discuss some upgrades to the grounds surrounding the Town House. He will provide us with an estimate for work involving better access to the handicap ramp, drainage on the west side of the building and moving the path to the backhouse so it is not in the area where snow lands when it slides off the roof.
9. The next meeting will be January 20, 2022 at 5 PM at the Morrill Ed. Ctr.

Respectfully submitted by Steve Handy