

Temple Town Hall Advisory Committee
Minutes, October 24, 2012

Present: Connie Kieley, Ron Pulos, Dick Benotti, Dick Keuper, Julie Middleton, Ted Petro, Sydney Thomas.

The group welcomed Julie, our new committee member.

1. The minutes of our May 8, 2012 meeting were read and accepted as amended -- "President" should read as "Chair." and "Vice-President" as "Vice-Chair."

2. The Hall's garden area: The committee considered the suggestion that the hostas along the front of the garden area have grown too large and should be removed. After our subsequent "walkabout" we provisionally agreed that either some of the hostas could be removed or, perhaps even better, the two mountain laurel shrubs behind the hostas could be relocated. However, a subcommittee will meet with the Village Green Committee to discuss possible changes.

3. Sign issue: The committee agreed that we will continue using the Village Green's sandwich board to advertise events at the Town Hall. Question: Where shall it be stored?

4. LCHIP Assessment: Ron is filling out the forms required for the upcoming LCHIP report and needed input from members of the Committee. We noted that the hall floor had been sanded and refinished during the past summer, and that Junior Thompson, who did the work, recommends a yearly application of a coat of polyurethane and a buffing -- for a cost of \$800. Committee members were puzzled by the cost estimate, since the refinishing was not much more than that. Dick Benotti will check the cost of the refinishing for the Committee.

5. Walkabout: The Committee interrupted the LCHIP discussion to have a look at various interiors and exteriors of the building. Central concerns include:

a). Storage space. Various community groups and committees are wanting to claim storage space in the hall, and areas of the building are beginning to be somewhat cluttered. For instance, the Historical Society, the Recreation Committee, the Planning Board, and the Drama Club all have items large and small stored in the attic of the hall. It has been suggested that the space over the stage could serve as additional storage space, were a floor to be laid there. Rick Monahon affirms that the supports are sufficient there to hold storage items, since the area over the stage was solidly reinforced during the refurbishing of the hall. However access to this area is precarious, given the need to climb a ladder to reach it. Ted Petro, for one, opposes the idea, given liability issues. Generally, the Committee agrees that limits

of how much stuff fills the hall spaces need to be considered.

b). Areas needing painting. In inspecting the exterior of the hall, committee members noted small areas that needed touchups on the north, west, and south sides of the building, and that somewhat more deterioration has occurred on the east side (front) which suffers the largest open exposure. Ted volunteered to touchup the small areas, and he will ask Mike Armstrong for an estimate for painting the front of the hall. Committee members agreed that the painting of the sides can wait until 2015, when repainting is scheduled.

Ron will include a report about the paint condition and our response to it in the LCHIP assessment.

6. The meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Sydney Thomas