



FRIENDS OF THE BROOKFIELD TOWN HALL

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Hi all! With the town meeting fast approaching the Friends are looking for help! Please donate to our group so we may contribute to the upcoming bathroom remodel. The total bathroom renovation will cost \$48,480 and we are looking to donate as much as we can to help this project along. Also, please come to the town meeting and support our efforts to keep improving our town hall. Donations can be made to our P.O. Box or donated online through paypal on our website at: www.friendsofthebrookfieldtownhall.com. Also, please like us on Facebook so we can keep you up to the minute with any new developments!

Current Developments

We are supporting the development of a new plan for the town hall, encouraging the work of others who take care of the building and looking forward to projects coming soon.

Austin Design has completed the preliminary drawings and cost estimates for a phased renovation of the building.

Phase one is the installation of an elevator inside the building's southwest corner just left to the main entrance. The second phase will be a full remodel of the first floor, Great Hall, and building utilities. The final phase will renovate the basement to make it fully usable. The work was contracted by the Town with 50% funding from the Massachusetts Historical

Preservation Projects Fund. This will be a long term project but will be approached in phases. Austin's plan can be viewed at www.friendsofthebrookfieldtownhall.com

We would like to thank Rudy Heller and his group of energy conservation advocates for researching and pursuing the geothermal heating grant for the Town's buildings. This particular grant may not have worked out, but we are grateful for the hard work and creative thinking of this group. We would also like to thank Ron Wassmer for painting the exterior of the town hall windows. It was a delight seeing the work completed by a local contractor. We support all efforts to keep our historic town hall in good repair. It is an honor to live in a Town where so many people are volunteering their time and energy to make it a better place.

Finally, the town has appropriated the money and plans are being developed for a new septic system for the Town Hall, Fire Station and forthcoming Police Station. We are looking forward to having the new septic system in place for the spring/summer. A thank you to our Highway Department for facilitating the site testing and assisting the process. This is a crucial step to improving the rather outdated and inadequate bathrooms in the town hall.

To wrap up, this hasn't been a year of large ambitious projects, but it has been a year of steady progress toward our goal of renovating the Brookfield Town Hall. We look forward to an exciting 2015! Thank you to all who helped!