

**You Are
Invited**



You are invited to become involved. The Friends of the North Brookfield Town House plan to restore and reopen the Town House to businesses and special events – to bring her back to her former glory. Please join us for a brief presentation by Jim Buzzell, President of The Friends of The North Brookfield Town House, on October 15th & 16th at the library followed by guided tours of the Town House.

Brief History of the Town House

The North Brookfield Town House was constructed in 1864. It's famous for its grand architectural style, as well as for the chief architect (Elbridge Boyden) who created it. Many townspeople may not know that the present structure is the second Town Hall to occupy the site at Main and Summer Streets. The first structure was destroyed by a fire, which at the time, was the largest catastrophe the town ever experienced. All town, bank, and school records were destroyed in the blaze.

When the current Town House was completed in 1864, The Boston Herald newspaper paid the town a compliment by writing that, "Surely North Brookfield stands preeminently as an object lesson of the possibilities that are attainable, even by 'hill towns', when their citizens, by united, intelligent and properly directed effort, work together for the promotion of the best interests of the whole community in which they live."

During its first one hundred years the grand building was occupied primarily by retail businesses, and The Great Hall served as the venue for many municipal and social events. As local businesses withdrew, retail space was converted to town office space and the building went into gradual decline. The North Brookfield Town House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, and represents an irreplaceable connection linking the history of the many generations who have called this tight knit community home since colonial times.

Haston Free Public Library

Saturday, October 15th 11am, & 1pm

Sunday, October 16th 1pm

Light refreshments will be served. Please plan to attend.