

Minutes:

Town House Committee Meeting

April 12, 2023

Location: North Brookfield Senior Center

Meeting called to order by Maureen Wesolaski

Minutes of November 1, 2022, meeting: Approved

Presentation of the Vision and Mission of the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House.

VISION

To have the North Brookfield Town House restored and operational

Mission

Preserve the structural integrity of the Town House while retaining the historical character and architectural design of the building to reestablish it as the center of civic, political, social, and cultural activities of North Brookfield.

Review of activities of the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House (nonprofit) were presented.

Update:

Grants have been applied for to support the brick and mortar restoration. As a result of the One Stop Grant awarded in 2022, predevelopment plans are being drawn up by Dan Benoit, additional money has also been awarded to further expand on the predevelopment stage. Eva Brown is now writing for the next round of One Stop Grant.

Great progress has been made to develop the theme of a regional community center. A successful outreach to area communities to join in and support and sponsor activities with the Friends has been well received.

Programs under Roar (Rural Opportunities through Art and Restoration)

Many programs were held this year to begin the focus on the Town House as an arts and cultural center. Examples are the October Fest t, a community wide event focusing on music, arts, entertainment, Cool Kids choir at the North Brookfield Elementary School, Artists gatherings, arts and crafts projects at local establishments.

Old Business:

Continue to work with the Friends of the North Brookfield Town House (nonprofit) on the restoration of the North Brookfield Town House.

Meeting Adjourned 7:10pm

Respectfully submitted: Maureen Wesolaski

