

Town House Initiative News

Thanks to funding from the Marlboro Alliance, our venerable Town House will be getting some attention in the coming months.

Improvements to the building's function, safety and appearance will include renovation of the front steps, railings and planting beds and an upgrade of electrical service and addition of several new outlets. The Select Board, Planning Commission and Zoning Administrator have all given support and consent to the project. Drawings of the plan are posted at the Town Office.

The project was initiated and planned by a volunteer committee of townspeople who will oversee its progress. The committee is very pleased to have engaged the services of electrician Tim Toussaint to upgrade the electrical service. Dry stone waller Michael Weitzner of Thistle Stone Works will rebuild the steps, railings and retaining walls in the fall.

The Town House was built in 1822 with lumber incorporated from the first Congregational Church originally built off Town Hill Road. It was first located across South Road, near the small parking area. It was moved to its present location in 1966. Formerly used as the Town Clerk's office, it has also been the venue for Marlboro's annual Town Meetings, as well as the annual Historical Society meeting, the Marlboro School's 8th grade Consortium, and the Marlboro Alliance's January Book Swap, July Summer Sale and the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in November, as well as other events.

We hope that these improvements will foster greater use of this important civic space, and greater awareness of this historic building.

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