The Citizen’s Committee meeting was called to order at the Dunbarton Elementary School on April 18, 2017 at 7:00pm by Margaret Watkins, Chair.

The following Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Committee members and citizens were in attendance:
Margaret Watkins, Chair
Shelley Westenberg,
Tiffany Dodd, Treasurer
Enid Larsen, Secretary
Clem Madden
Bob Martel
Sue Bracy
Nancy Rosen
John Stevens
Beth Boucher
Curt McDermott

The minutes of the last meeting were presented and read, Bob Martel made a motion to accept them, Shelley seconded it and they were approved by all.

Beth reported that there were 140 responses to the Restoration Project survey to date. Margaret suggested extending the survey deadline to the end of May, she will contact the Town Office to request that the survey stay on the town link until May 31.

It was also suggested that the survey be handed out at the upcoming Arts on the Common on May 13~14. Enid is to contact the garden club president to see if the club would send the survey, or a link to the survey, out to their club members.

John Stevens informed the meeting attendees about a start-up newspaper, The Merrimack Valley Voice, that will be mailed to all Dunbarton residents as well as surroundings town in the Merrimack area. The Arts on the Common will be featured in the May edition as well as running an ad in the paper to promote the festival.

Beth volunteered to approach The Dancing Lion, the Sky Zone, and the Granite State Escape to request donations for the basket raffle for AOTC. Nancy said she would check on a donation of theatre tickets. Clem will ask Corey Hebert from Vertical Dreams to contribute a gift certificate. Margaret will check with Rusty’s General Store For Animals for a donation.

It was proposed that one or more tours of the upstairs of the Town Hall be organized so members of the Citizens Committee can get a first hand look at the space. Clem will send out three possible dates to see what will work.

Clem brought out the proposed plans for the project and reviewed the layout and pointed out the various issues that are contributing to the cost of the project: The need
for a sprinkler system on all three floors, a LULA lift to make the stage area ADA compliant, electrical, heating and AC and the need for two egress areas.

Sue asked about the possibility of purchasing a used fire escape, but they are almost impossible to find John said, the law requires that it be covered so a simple replacement isn't an option.

Margaret suggested making a video to show the upstairs space so more people could be aware of the potential of what can be done with it.

Margaret reminded all committee members if they have not already been sworn in by the Town Clerk they must do so.

There will be no meeting in May, so efforts can be devoted to the Arts on the Common. The next Citizens Committee meeting will be on June 13, 7:00PM at the school library.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Enid Larsen, Secretary