The Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Committee was called to order at the Dunbarton Elementary School on February 27, 2018 at 7:30pm by Margaret Watkins, Co-Chair.

The following members and citizens were in attendance:

Margaret Watkins, Co-Chair
Clem Madden, Co-Chair
Curt McDermott
Bob Martel, Selectperson Representative
Shelley Westenberg, Acting Recording Secretary

Advisors: Dan Morin and John Stevens

- 2017 Committee members Nancy Rosen and Ron Slocum have resigned due to busy schedules. Margaret Watkins will submit a list of 2018 Committee members to Line shortly after the Town Meeting on March 13. Once approved by the Select Board, committee members must be sworn in by the Town Clerk in a timely manner.

- Margaret mentioned upcoming meetings at the Library during which time the Committee is invited to provide refreshments to the public and raise awareness of the restoration effort.

- Curt gave a brief report of his meeting with the Library Trustees, saying that he brought them up to speed with the efforts to bring down the cost of the restoration and find a way of “getting upstairs” in the most expedient way possible. He said the Trustees were interested and receptive. One trustee expressed an interest in attending Committee meetings in the future.

- Dan Morin has worked extensively with Clem Madden and John Stevens to modify the design brought to the Town in 2016. Dan provided Committee Members with a design option which removes the planned addition (originally designed to house an elevator, stairs, and storage), and moves a Lula lift into a portion of the area currently used as library ingress/reception. This 3-stop elevator would also serve as a lift on to the stage if necessary, thus meeting access codes. The plan would also include a built-on staircase on the outside of the building where the fire escape currently resides. This stairwell would serve as primary ingress/egress if fully enclosed. A handicapped-access bathroom would also be installed on the 2nd floor in space used for library storage room currently.

- Mr. Morin presented ball-park budgetary estimates for the work of less than $700,000, including architectural designs and MEP plans, stressing to the Committee that these figures are soft estimates only but could serve as a focal point for further fundraising and planning.

- The plan could accommodate a small room for a deep sink, storage area for coffee urn, and janitorial supplies.

- We agreed the committee should take formal action on any committee-recommended plan.

- Curt mentioned plans with Dan van Kalken to present a small concert in the stairwell area to raise awareness of the restoration effort, and mentioned late March as a possible date.

The next meeting of the Committee is planned for March 20, 7:30 PM, at the school.
The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted-

Shelley Westenberg, Acting Recording Secretary