

## Report to the Springdale Town Board by the 1915 Town Hall Restoration and Preservation Citizens Committee

On June 6th an email blast was sent to town residents regarding their interest in preserving and eventually utilizing the 1915 town hall for public use.

Since then I have received 15 positive (no negative) responses to the email. All offered some form of help ranging from architectural consulting, grant writing, publicity, to general cleaning and doing repairs.

I wish to thank the board and Devin for providing a new utility vacuum. It has helped a lot in cleaning the interior. Work on the grounds around the building has started as well.

Last Friday (June 17th) Registered architect Rodney Helt and I inspected the building to assess its needs. He said "The building is in surprisingly good condition considering the 42 year unoccupied use and deserves the chance to serve again" However he added that several items need more immediate attention.

Probably the most immediate need besides general cleanup is to replace the front entry steps and canopy.

While the roof of the building is in good shape another project would be to install gutters to divert water runoff from the basement and foundation.

Any other projects would depend on further evaluation of the cost and desired number of improvements. This is something that the citizens committee would work on this summer.

Another item not directly involving the building would be to create access across the drainage swale and improve the creek area. Perhaps this could be done using a portion of the ATC conservation funding.

At this time I would like the Board to authorize the committee to get cost estimates for the front entrance repair, tuck pointing masonry cracks, and installing gutters.

In conclusion there is obviously a considerable amount of interest in saving and reusing this building for a variety of uses. Funds to support this project can come from a variety of sources such as the Mount Horeb Community Foundation, donations, gifts, grants and town government support.

The sooner we can develop a plan the sooner work can begin. The citizens committee will meet soon and begin work on a plan that the board will feel comfortable to support.

Sincerely,

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