Minutes of the Town Hall Building Committee meeting 5/20/26 at 6:30pm

In attendance: John Spencer, Ed Keagle, Michael Hollis, Roger Waterman, Peter Briggs as well as contractor/bidder Zechariah Brewton and various members of the public.

The Town Hall Building Committee discussed the restoration of the belfry and slate roof. The proposed plan includes replacing the belfry roof with conventional materials, treating it with a borate solution for decay resistance, and using stainless steel fasteners. The committee also considered the potential for galvanic corrosion between copper and lead materials and the possibility of replacing the entire slate roof with metal if necessary slate repairs exceed 30%.

The main route for the project is highly visible and may pose challenges for historical preservation and funding. The chimney needs to be removed due to leaks. The focus is on stabilizing the building, addressing the foundation and moisture issues, and ensuring the windows are currently weather proof, and long term will be energy-efficient while maintaining the building's historic character.

The discussion focused on the restoration of the Town Hall building, including the foundation, roof, and windows. The cost of the necessary work varies greatly, with the possibility of additional costs for window replacement and the extent of roof repairs. There were concerns about the future foundation work and the potential impact of lifting the building on the windows and the need to ensure the structural integrity of the building.

The discussion focused on the repair of a building's roof, specifically addressing issues with the ridge cap, and overlapping shingles. The logistics of waste disposal, debating between using a town truck or renting a dumpster was also discussed.

Comments made by the public were broadly supportive and encouraged the committee to see the work through.