

PLAINFIELD TOWN HALL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

2009 Report

The Plainfield Town Hall continues to be a very well-used facility and asset to the community. It is the only town-owned building (other than the school) which can hold more than 20 people for a meeting/gathering. Many town organizations use it regularly for events and programs: the library, Grange, churches, seniors, town boards; private individuals rent it for parties. From senior socials, to dances, to meetings, to book sales, to children's theater performances and weddings, the hall is versatile and accommodating.

The Maxfield Parrish Stage Set continues to draw visitors and inquiries from around the world. The Maxfield Parrish Vintage Print Sale in the fall was very well-attended as interest in Parrish's art grows. Attendance on Sundays to view the stage set increased over last year.

The committee continues to address the upkeep and repair of the town hall. We recommend that the town further address the list of repairs outlined in the 2007 Town Report, as time and funds allow. This year the town replaced the oil tank in the basement. Recently, the town administrator asked us to inspect the foundation. Our recommendation is that the foundation be repointed. There are some gaps in the stone which need to be repaired, at least one of which is large enough for the skunk which occasionally lives under the kitchen. We also recommend that full cleaning of the hall be scheduled at least quarterly in keeping with the heavy use the building sees.

Given the festivities being planned for the 250th anniversary of Plainfield's charter, the committee recommends that the town address these repairs and maintenance in time for the celebration in 2011.

Pam Abrahamson has resigned from the committee. We thank her for her help and the excellent and detailed minutes she kept. New members are welcome.

Submitted by *Nancy Norwalk and Beverly Widger* for the committee: Nancy Norwalk, Beverly Widger, Brad Atwater, Nancy Scott, David Chellis, Ruth Cassedy