

Reporting Hybrid Meeting of 7 November 2022

Calendar of Events

- Last Week:** 10/31 Halloween – No Meeting
This Week: 11/7 Restoration of the Charlton Community Center
Jenna Smith & Torben Aabo
(Zoom & Ballston Town Hall)
Next Week: 11/14 Saratoga Plan – Michelle Culbert
(Zoom & Ballston Town Hall)
Coming Up: 11/21 District Governor Denise DiNoto Visitation
(Multi-Club visit, Zoom and Ballston Town Hall)
11/28 No Monday Meeting
11/29 Tuesday Community Event –
Holiday Drive-Thru Parade

Note: Regular Meetings are held Mondays at 6:30 pm. Check your e-mail inbox the day of the meeting for the computer Zoom link and password, as well as the phone number you can use to phone in if using your cell phone to participate.

Note: Many Meetings are now hybrid with an in-person option.

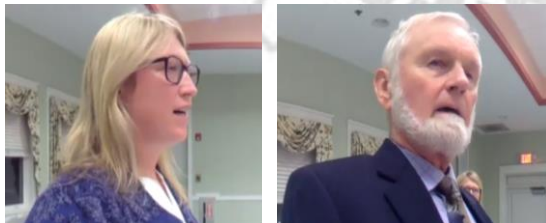
Please give suggestions for future programs to Darlene Bower & Peter Sawyer.

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RESTORATION OF THE CHARLTON COMMUNITY CENTER JENNA SMITH AND TORBEN AABO

The club was pleased to welcome Jenna Smith, Chair, and Torben Aabo, Vice Chair, of the newly-formed Charlton Community Center Advisory Committee. The present community center started its life as the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, a social and service fraternity. Constructed in 1892, the building was repurposed as the Charlton Town Hall, and repurposed again as the Charlton Community Center upon the



opening of new town hall east on Charlton Road. Torben reported that the building sees its most frequent use by the Charlton Seniors.

The building has experienced considerable deterioration since the town government moved to their new facility. It sits on a wet lot and suffers from sill rot and mold in the crawl space. The restoration is estimated to cost in the range of \$600-700K. The heavy slate roof has been replaced with lighter metal roofing. The committee is developing a restoration plan, identifying sources of funding, and making recommendations to the Town Board for work to be done. Work has begun mitigating drainage issues at the road. This will improve the effectiveness of the foundation drains, and help reduce the significant water issues the building currently faces. The Town is currently pursuing a grant opportunity for approximately \$10,000 in matching funds to support this project.

The committee is pursuing a US Department of Agriculture grant of \$540K. The prospects are promising. With this funding the project could be completed by the end 2025, including structural repairs, new windows, insulation, and high-efficiency HVAC. The building will become well suited for its present use and for an emergency shelter.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Laura Kriegel announced that Camp Stomping Grounds has met its fund-raising goal and can proceed with the restoration of the white house.
- Darlene Bower reported that she had held a fine Rotary fireside chat with new members Sue Stec and Patrice Spingarn. Welcome to the club!
- Peter Sawyer is hard at work in preparation for Tuesday's Apple Pie Festival.
- Linda LeTendre discussed the Holiday Party to be held at the Charlton Tavern on Monday 12/12. Details will follow from her.
- The drive-through dinner netted \$1046. Sixty-one meals were distributed to the needy.

Reported by Fred Bailly