

## **News from the Church on the Hill Capital Campaign Committee**

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The 2020 Property Condition Assessment for the Meeting House noted that our building was in good overall shape but had two problems. First, the steeple and clock tower were in poor shape; and second, the building was not accessible. We are proud to inform the community that we are on our way to fixing the first set of problems and are seeking grants to help with the second.

### **February 22, 2024: SUCCESS!!!!**

On February 22, the Lenox Community Preservation Committee voted to award The Church on the Hill a grant of \$76,000 to complete the restoration work on the steeple, clock tower and weathervane. While the final decision is the citizens of the town to make, at Town Meeting in May, we celebrate the support of the CPC!

Below are some pictures we submitted with our grant application showing the work we aim and need to do.

### **Clock Tower Damage Viewed from Drone**



Clock Balluster Pieces and Clock Hands which Fell on the Parking Lot

Fallen Ballusters which fell from Clocktower



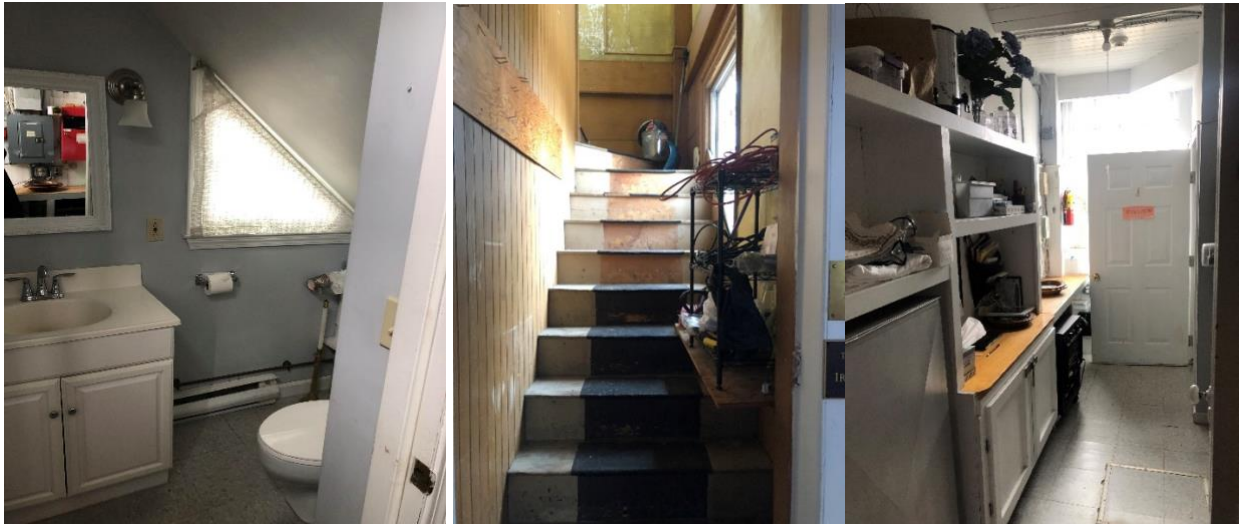
Clock Dial Hand fell into parking lot



## March 1, 2024

The Capital Campaign committee submitted a proposal for a grant from a major national private non-profit dedicated to providing technical and financial support for community-serving houses of worship. Our grant proposal was to fund costs of remedying the second set of problems identified in our 2020 Property Assessment - making the Meeting House accessible. Our request was for a grant of \$175,000 to make the entry doors and stairs, bathroom, windows, balcony, etc. all accessible. We will hear in June 2024 whether we have been selected for the next round of this very competitive national grant.

Pictured here are some areas of concerns, the bathroom which is difficult to navigate, , the stairs that double as a closet, and the deacons' closet where we hope to have a fully accessible kitchenette.



**This Spring**

The COH Capital Campaign is applying to local foundations for additional funding for our Meeting House restorations. We will keep the community informed as we continue our fundraising efforts.

Next steps: The Cap Campaign team will seek support from the larger community for this project.