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## Selectboard and Trustees to Hear Presentation on Town Hall Rejuvenation Project

The Town Hall Rejuvenation Project (THRP) leadership team will give a major presentation on the status of the project at a special combined Woodstock Selectboard and Trustees meeting on Monday evening, November 15. The meeting was requested by members of both boards to get up to speed on the complex project.

The leadership team will present several plans with cost estimates, followed by questions from Selectboard members, Trustees, and the public. The team has been examining serious issues such as potential instability of the addition that houses the theatre stage in the event of a flood, along with federal disability act requirements for employees and visitors, heating and air conditioning deficiencies, a desire for new theatre seats, and the potential for an upgraded lobby/concession area and renovated public restrooms.

With privately donated funds, the leadership team has gathered expert recommendations and commissioned preliminary drawings, along with cost estimates for three plans ranging in complexity and cost. Financing for the project would come from a combination of private donations, public fundraising, grants, and taxpayers through a bond payment approved by voters.

I urge Town and Village residents to come to the meeting in person or via zoom. It is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Town Hall Rejuvenation project, and the options to ensure the building remains a cultural and civic hub for years to come.

I can't tell you how many people I've welcomed into the theatre itself over the past eight years, from tourists, Broadway and community actors, musicians, new residents, and longtime residents who appreciate and cherish the unique space.

The building itself has stood as a sentinel watching a small village grow from the time of its construction in 1899 when it was at the far end of town to its now central location.

Too often public forums organized to inform and seek input from residents, are poorly attended, with comments and concerns raised after the train has left the station. Please mark your calendars and make a point to attend and have a voice in the future of the iconic Town Hall Building.

The presentation begins at 6:00 pm, in the Town Hall or on Zoom [\[LINK\]](#), with questions starting at 7:00 pm. Pre-registration, a mask, and either proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test will be required to attend in person. For further information on the project, go to [www.woodstockthrp.org](http://www.woodstockthrp.org)

### On the Big Stage:

The cast and crew of NCCT's production of *Mama Mia* will soon be in the house, finishing the set, and rehearsing before the November 12th opening. *Mama Mia* is the mega-hit Broadway show about a daughter's

dream, and a mother's secret. It is packed with 22 ABBA hits, including "Dancing Queen," "Super Trouper," "Take A Chance on Me," and "The Winner Takes It All." The show is recommended for ages 13 and up.

North Country Community Theatre (NCCT) is a community theatre group founded in 1973 based in the Upper Valley region of New Hampshire and Vermont. NCCT produces at least two shows a year – one in the summer with community members of all ages and another in late winter for high school students.

To learn more about the show and to purchase tickets please go to <https://pentanglearts.org/event/mamma-mia/2021-11-12/>.

All ticket purchases are E-Tickets. There are no mailed tickets or *Will Call* options for these performances. Patrons need to present their ticket confirmation as a printout or on a mobile device.

### On the Wassail Stage:

A live musical production of *A Christmas Carol* presented by Theatreworks USA joins Pentangle's Wassail 2021 lineup that includes, *Irish Christmas in America*, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm and the *Whiffenpoofs*, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

Catch the holiday spirit with this classic story of a man whose cold heart is warmed after a Christmas Eve encounter with the supernatural. *A Christmas Carol* uses song, humor, and suspense to bring one of our most legendary holiday tales to life.

Tickets for this family friendly program are an affordable \$15 for adults, and \$5 for youth 16 and under.

To learn more about all of Pentangle's Wassail Weekend events and to purchase tickets please go to <https://pentanglearts.org/wassail-weekend/#content>.

### On the Big Screen:

*Dune* (Rated PG-13)

We are screening the acclaimed film "*Dune*" for a second weekend. As is the case with successful movies, the studio requires a two-week booking to ensure a timely screening relative to the film's release date.

"*Dune*" tells the story of Paul Atreides, a brilliant and gifted young man born into a great destiny beyond his understanding, who must travel to the most dangerous planet in the universe to ensure the future of his family and his people. As malevolent forces explode into conflict over the planet's exclusive supply of the most precious resource in existence—a commodity capable of unlocking humanity's greatest potential—only those who can conquer their fear will survive.

### Show Times:

Saturday, November 6 at 7:30 pm

Sunday, November 7 at 7:30 pm

Tickets: \$9 Adults | \$8 Kids & Seniors | \$7 Pentangle Members

Masks required inside the theatre, regardless of vaccination status, except while enjoying Concessions.