

**2022 Building and Grounds
Annual Report
Mark Haber, Clerk**

Building and Grounds kept up with overseeing needed maintenance while the meeting was closed to in-person worship, and also worked on the preparations for re-opening. Several small groups have used the space during the closure, building social distancing and masks into their activities.

In preparation for opening the Meetinghouse to in-person worship, B&G purchased a HEPA filter unit and a CO₂ meter. To ensure that enough bandwidth was available for Meeting for Worship to be conducted in a hybrid fashion, members of the Committee and other Friends installed a mesh router Wi-Fi system.

Russell Roofing was contracted to install a new roof over the porch on the southwest side of the building, with construction scheduled to start at the end of January 2020. They will also be replacing the fascia boards and downspouts. During the coming year, the committee will revisit the issue of when to replace the main roof.

Building maintenance included repainting the Gathering Room and first floor bathrooms. The committee also oversaw scheduled services, including lawn care and other landscaping; housekeeping; Newtown Fire Department inspection; boiler, fire extinguisher, sprinkler, and alarm inspections. An exterminator successfully resolved the issue of mice nesting over the first-floor bathrooms.

Due to the ongoing Covid pandemic, in 2021 we did not conduct the annual leaf raking by meeting members. An outside firm, Kellett Landscaping, took over the job as our regular vendor, Nature's Grace, was unable to do the work.

Graveyard Committee Annual Report

The Graveyard Sub-Committee reports two burials in 2021, David Baker and Mary Nystrom. Research discovered four additional people who were buried in the graveyard in the past, one in 1853.

Cleaning of headstones with D/2 Biological Solution and photographing headstones will continue into 2022. Uploading headstone photographs, plot locations, and dates to findagrave.com is an ongoing effort.