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## Monday's Selectboard meeting

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Cc: Mary Ann Barnes <mab@gmavt.net>, Ryan Ackley <ryanackley@oldroundchurch.com>

Hi Josh,

Do you have a time on the Selectboard's agenda for the Historical Society's request to use the Round Church Green for an outdoor concert on September 24? Hopefully, it is early on the agenda. Mary Ann Barnes will represent the Historical Society, as I will be on vacation in Maine.

Our Request:

Over the last couple of years, the Richmond Historical Society has held several outside concerts on our grass parking lot below the Round Church, with attendees sitting on the hillside. This location has proven popular with attendees and especially those with young children. We were able to provide parking for most attendees on site, the Round Church provided a wonderful backdrop and children were able to behave like children without bothering those listening to the music. The concerts were done and the area cleaned up by 8:30 PM at the latest.

For this current year, we scheduled 4 concerts, two for inside of the Round Church and 2 outside. As you are aware, our parking lot was under water for more than a week and although the surface is now fairly firm, the dead grass does not provide a good location for a concert. We have moved our August 27th concert indoors. We are working with the Town's mowing contractor to reseed the lawn after our last wedding this Fall.

During the Round Church Bicentennial in 2013, we held several concerts on the Round Church Green. These concerts were successful and since they were held during the daytime or early in the evening they did not affect the neighborhood negatively. Thus, The Historical Society requests permission to hold our concert scheduled for September 24th on the Round Church Green and also permission to close Round Church Road from 4 PM until approximately 8 PM. The actual concert will take place from 5 until 7 PM. We will notify the nearby neighbors about our plans. Closing the street will help to eliminate any safety concerns that might arise with attendees going back and forth between the parking lot below the church and the concert stage on the Round Church Green. We will provide trash containers for any waste generated by attendees. We will ask that there be no dogs, smoking or alcohol on site. If the weather is in-climate, the concert will be held inside the church.

Another reason for this request is that with Covid still present, a number of previous concert attendees have asked if we could schedule our concerts outside, when possible.

Thanks in advance for consideration of our request.

Fran Thomas  
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