

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Feb. 28, 2024 6:00 p.m. Community Room New Durham, NH

Members Present: Ellen Phillips, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall

Member Present Remotely: Bob Bickford, Robin Bickford

Others Present: Rudy Rosiello

*1. Call to Order:* Chairperson Ellen Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

*2. Approval of Minutes:*

**Motion by Cathy Allyn to approve the minutes of February 8, 2024, as amended; second by Bob Bickford. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn – aye; Mr. Bickford – aye; Robin Bickford – aye; Phillips – aye; Clayton Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.**

*3. Approval of Treasurer's Report:*

Chair/Treasurer Phillips reported there has been no change and the Town indicates the total amount of monies in the Restoration CRF and the Meetinghouse Expendable Charitable Trust is \$118,227.07.

**Motion by Mr. Bickford to approve the treasurer's report, as presented; second by Mr. Randall. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn – aye; Mr. Bickford – aye; Ms. Bickford – aye; Phillips – aye; Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.**

*4. Update on Grant:*

The application for ARPA funds for a community center at the Meetinghouse did not meet the minimum threshold requirements to qualify as a community center due to inadequate programming and staff. Mr. Randall said it appeared CDFA was looking to fund centers in larger communities. Mr. Bickford said they wanted a fully staffed community center. Chair Phillips said she would see about setting up a meeting for a Community Block Grant. Mr. Bickford said he told WarrenStreet to move ahead with the mechanical engineering. He suggested members look into funding agencies.

Chair Phillips suggested Ms. Allyn look into a grant from NHPA to fund the archaeological study. Mr. Bickford said he would check with WarrenStreet about available planning grants, and said we should also speak with LCHIP.

*5. Update on Spring Fling:*

The Committee agreed to increase the number of hours for the event. It will be held on Sunday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Ms. Allyn said she'd spoken to a food truck and they were interested. She also spoke to the Rec Director about facilitating colonial games and she was interested. Ms. Allyn will pursue getting definite answers. She said the Cowasuck Band of the Pennacook Abenaki People are willing to lead Abenaki games and speak on indigenous home life. She added that the spinners from last year will return for a focus on colonial home life. She said she would like to check with the Fish and Game Department about having a booth at the event.

In the absence of David Allyn, Chair Phillips said she could do the colonial education segment. Mr. Randall will do the parking and check to see if the oxen are available this year. Chair Phillips said the library will loan us the bows and arrows and whiteboard. She said she would write up the blurb to go on the highway department sign in April. Mr. Bickford will dish out the ice cream at the event.

Ms. Bickford will research the pie-eating contest, including wipes and paper towels. The committee decided to hold the contest at 1:00 p.m. with two categories – ages 5-8 and 9-12 - and to have parents register their children with name, age, and responsible adult at the gmail address. Chair Phillips said she would get another first prize trophy or item.

The committee suggested the musician play from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Ms. Allyn said the Rec Director said we could paint over the cut-out – the Bickford will take care of that.

Chair Phillips suggested making the physical Gift Shop more permanent.

Members agreed to hold a Silent Auction. The chairs could be auctioned, after washing, the Bickfords have the pie plate to donate, and Ms. Allyn said she would request two items from Meetinghouse supporters. She asked members to ask for items for the auction and to bring in ideas of people to serve on the committee.

**Motion by Mr. Randall to use up to \$500 from the Meetinghouse budget for the Spring Fling; second by Mr. Bickford. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn –**

**aye; Mr. Bickford – aye; Ms. Bickford – aye; Phillips – aye; Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.**

*6. Schedule Next Meeting:*

The Committee scheduled the next meeting for March 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room.

*7. Adjournment:*

**Motion by Mr. Randall to adjourn at 7:13 p.m.; second by Chair Phillips. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn – aye; Mr. Bickford – aye; Ms. Bickford – aye; Phillips – aye; Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Cathy L. Allyn*