

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Meeting  
Sept. 18, 2017  
Town Hall

Members Present: George Gale, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall

Absent: Bob Craycraft (excused)

Call to Order – Chairperson George Gale called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Public Input – There was no public input.

Contract – George reported that the contract with Tom Ahern has been signed. He said he and Mr. Ahern discussed elevations.

LCHIP – George said he responded to LCHIP's letter.

Conceptual Drawings – Cathy Allyn said she spoke to Tom Perron about doing drawings of what the interior will look like, and he asked Brock's about using their software to do so. Brock's employees told him they were too busy to do them. Cathy said she had another person to consult.

#### Construction/Maintenance

The Committee discussed the prioritized list to give to the Board of Selectmen and divided them into two categories of priority level – before and after the foundation work.

#### FALL 2017

Removing the rocks from the site / Pushing back the stone wall - This is the first and highest priority because it needs to happen so that the trees behind the structure – and in particular, the dangerous dead pine – can be removed before the winter storms.

We will need the highway crew and backhoe for several hours.

Stones that can be used in the future can be moved to storage in the adjoining field and others can be taken to the Town gravel pit.

Tree Removal - We have flagged the trees that pose the greatest danger to the Meetinghouse. These are the pines to the immediate rear and west of the structure.

We will contact local tree removal contractors to get quotes for removal this fall.

Driveway Access – East Side – At least one load of crushed gravel applied to the east side access as soon as possible. Townspeople use that driveway every day and it has never been maintained.

Parking / Access Improvement – west side access - Filling and re-grading the low spot that runs between the paved road and the dirt access road on the west side. As an extremely cost effective way to double the amount of available parking space and generally improve access, this can be done anytime that fits into the work schedule of the highway department.

While it is not as urgent as the need to remove dead trees, for example, it would be wise to complete this task before the foundation construction, with all its attendant vehicle and equipment traffic, begins any time after June 15th, 2018.

We would suggest that it be done this fall, but that if that is not possible, that it be the first priority in the spring.

#### Restoration

Frame repairs / RFP - Now that the foundation repair contract is in place for that work to be completed in 2018, it makes sense to move right on to planning the next phase of restoration - the frame repair.

Few restoration contractors are capable of making the needed repairs outlined in the Sturgis drawings of 2012. For large jobs such as this, these contractors are booked ahead at least a year, and likely even further. Therefore, working with the Town Administrator to begin the RFP process, should happen as soon as possible this fall.

#### SPRING / SUMMER 2018 Maintenance

Front Steps - Granite pieces from the Town gravel pit will need to be delivered to the site as the foundation project gets to the “clean up – grading” phase for installation.

New Deadbolt Locks – To be installed as soon as possible after the foundation work is completed.

Town Cemetery – Cut brush and remove branches in the spring, to get the cemetery to the point where it can be maintained by simple mowings.

Amphitheater Slope – Same clearing and basic maintenance as the cemetery.

Hilltop - Grading required; get quotes for this to be done next spring or summer.

Moving Power Lines – Need to be moved before frame repair in 2020, as they would be in the way if a crane is used to fly out the trusses.

Grants – Follow up with George Born of LCHIP regarding concerns. George said he provided documentation regarding the archeological survey done in 2006, provided

information regarding the sub-floor that was replaced in the 1980s, informed him that the original foundation stones will be replaced during Tom Ahern's work, that there is no intent to change the elevation of the foundation, and that jacking the building over a period of days will protect interior features.

#### Planning

The Committee discussed items on the Master Task List.

Approval of Minutes – **Motion by Clayton Randall to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 24, 2017; second by Cathy. The motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment – **Motion by Cathy at 8:53 p.m. to adjourn; second by Clayton. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cathy L. Allyn*