

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

November 11, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Electronic meeting via Google Meet
Meet.google.com/vxr-hyqr-mee

Members present: Cathy Allyn, alone at 18 Wentworth Road, Bob Bickford and Robin Bickford at 62 Main Street, Clayton Randall alone at 122 Old Bay Road

Others present: Heather Freeman, Crissa Evans, Sherry Cullimore

Call to Order: Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Bob Bickford to approve the minutes of November 11, 2020, as written; second by Robin Bickford. A roll call vote was taken: Cathy Allyn – aye, Bob Bickford – aye, Robin Bickford – aye, Clayton Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Updates:

Membership: The BOS has appointed Heather Freeman to the Committee. She will sign the Oath of Office.

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation: Ms. Freeman said she needed to set up an online account to pursue an application. She will follow up with TA Kinmond regarding what email address to use. Ms. Allyn said she would check on the original email address created when the brochures were first published.

Consultant for the project: Ms. Freeman provided the Committee with a sample of a conditions assessment report prepared by an historical architect. She said Patrick Guthrie of Design Associates, Inc. in MA, or another preservationist like him, could write up a preservation plan for the building, that would create an inventory of the building, identifying what needed to be done and supplying estimates.

Ms. Allyn said the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance offers grants for an Existing Conditions Audit, and suggested pursuing one for 2021. Ms. Freeman located the grant online and forwarded the requirements to members.

Budget Committee presentation: Mr. Bickford said the Budget Committee wanted a formal action from the MRC regarding collaboration with the Boodey Farmstead Committee's idea of contracting with a fundraising consultant. Ms. Allyn asked the Boodey committee members in attendance if they had specific information regarding the issue. Crissa Evans and Sherry Cullimore did not.

Motion by Bob Bickford to pursue collaboration with the Boodey Farmstead Committee regarding contracting with a fundraising consultant; second by

Robin Bickford. A roll call vote was taken: Cathy Allyn – aye, Bob Bickford – aye, Robin Bickford – aye, Clayton Randall – abstain. The motion carried.

LCHIP Monitoring Report: Ms. Allyn thanked Mr. Bickford and Mr. Randall for going onsite and completing the first part of the report. She said she had written up the responses to the questions and would piece everything together and send it off to LCHIP before the end of the year.

Moving Forward:

Light Up Your Night: Ms. Allyn said a tremendous amount of work has been going into the event. She noted that money from donations to the Halloween event paid for the wood to completely repair the back steps and landing.

Banners: Ms. Allyn said the committee should decide on the text on the banners. Members discussed ideas we wanted to get across to the public. The concept of heritage and the idea that the Meetinghouse belonged to the people, as in, “our Meetinghouse” were considered. Help us build on our foundation was also suggested. Ms. Allyn said there was time to think of something. She said she would go on to the Staples site and determine the size, how many words could be put on it that would be visible from the road, and pass on that information to the members. Mr. Bickford said he drives by Staples on his way to work and would ask the manager for a discount. He also suggested having the Town seal on a banner.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bob Bickford at 6:52 p.m. to adjourn; second by Clayton Randall. A roll call vote was taken: Cathy Allyn – aye, Bob Bickford – aye, Robin Bickford – aye, Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn