

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
JOINT MEETING WITH BOARD OF SELECTMEN
AND BOODEY FARMSTEAD COMMITTEE
TOWN HALL

Nov. 13, 2017 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Chairperson George Gale, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall

BOS Chairperson David Swenson asked for opening statements regarding the desired result of this session and discussion. The Meetinghouse Committee indicated it was unaware of why the meeting had been called, despite asking about it.

Following discussion, it was revealed that the Board wanted the two committees to understand discrepancies, and develop a plan to move forward cooperatively.

Boodey Committee Chair Cathy Orlowicz said the committee was here to hear issues about its project. Cathy Allyn said the Meetinghouse Committee had learned of an email sent to Cathy O. and forwarded on to Town Administrator Scott Kinmond, regarding a New Durham resident who had gone to Alton to see the barn, and mentioned that it was a waste of taxpayer money. Cathy A. said that person was not a member of the Restoration committee, nor did anyone know who it was.

Selectperson Cecile Chase said the focus of the use of the Meetinghouse should change due to the building's value.

Cathy A. said the chances of the Meetinghouse getting grants decreases with another community building in the town. Selectperson Chase indicated a number of events that could take place at the Meetinghouse. Cathy A. suggested the committee check with granting authorities to see if that number of events would still constitute sufficient use to be eligible for grants.

Chair Swenson said he did not see the two projects as conflicting. He stated the two committees were to converse with one another and report back by December 11, 2017 with a progress report.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Meeting
Nov. 17, 2017
New Durham Public Library 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: George Gale, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall
Absent: Bob Craycraft (excused)

Others Present: Dorothy Veisel

Call to Order – Chairperson George Gale called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Public Input – Dot Veisel said she'd entered the BOS/Restoration Committee/Boodey Farmstead Committee meeting late and was concerned with the atmosphere in the room at the time. She said she was concerned about the fate of both projects. She said she knew the BOS has been in support of the Meetinghouse, but hadn't seen much progress toward that.

The Committee indicated a number of inexpensive maintenance items such as an addition of gravel to the driveway to prevent damage to cars, removal of trees that are damaging the roof, pulling back grass to install gravel to prevent flooding and increase parking space, and simple mowing to care for the cemetery and create an outdoor performance space were presented to the BOS, but that it had not yet taken any action on them.

Chair Gale said broad use of the building is how to get grant funding, because the funding authorities are looking for community and financial support. He added that a used building is maintained. He said he'd written a maintenance plan and suggested that the BOS create a Capital Reserve Fund for maintenance to prove to LCHIP that our project is competitive when it comes to receiving grant monies.

Motion by Clayton Randall at 6:45 p.m. to recess the meeting and reconvene on Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.; second by George Gale. The motion carried unanimously. (Note: in the interim, the date and time to reconvene were changed to November 21, 2017 at 12:00 p.m., due to a member's unavailability)

Chair Gale reconvened the meeting at 12:00 p.m. on November 21, 2017. Members present were Chair Gale, Cathy Allyn, and Clayton Randall.

Construction/Maintenance – Several items were discussed.

Outreach/Events – The Committee discussed that the project has always had public support.

Chair Gale said he would follow-up on communication with LCHIP.

Cathy Allyn said there were several people who had indicated they wanted to serve on the Committee, and that she would contact them.

Motion by Clayton Randall at 1:15 p.m. to adjourn; second by George. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Meeting
Nov. 22, 2017 2:00 p.m.
Site Walk

Members Present: George Gale, Clayton Randall

Others Present: Andrew Cushing of the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance

The group toured the building and cemetery, and Chairperson George Gale spoke on the history of the building. They then moved on to the New Durham Public Library, where member Cathy Allyn joined them.

George told Andrew Cushing that an impartial voice was needed and that the town needed to demonstrate financial support of the project.

Discussion regarding what grants to apply for ensued. George recommended putting the smaller amounts toward the framework.

Mr. Cushing said the Meetinghouse was better posed to get monies. Regarding the next phase of work to be done, he said there would be money left over after the foundation work, so that the committee could apply for an LCHIP grant up to \$70,000. He noted that contributions needed to be added to the Capital Reserve Fund each year.

The Committee and Mr. Cushing agreed on a need for an impartial memo from the NHPA regarding its support for the Meetinghouse. Mr. Cushing said there could be more spotlight from the NHPA on the project, and that he would help with the grants the committee will apply for next year.

Motion by Clayton Randall to adjourn at 3:55 p.m.; second by George. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Joint Meeting
with members of the Boodey Farmstead Committee
November 27, 2017 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Secretary Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall

Others Present: Scott Drummey

Call to Order – Secretary Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Discussion – Clayton Randall said he wanted to know why the committees had come together.

Cathy Orlowicz said her committee had been contacted by different resources, indicating there seems to be competitiveness between the two projects, and wondered if this were the case. She said if that were so, there needed to be a conversation.

Cathy A. said personal opinions differed from the Restoration Committee. She said the Meetinghouse could be income producing even if the barn is erected. Cathy O. said the Board of Selectmen is currently unable to accept gifts, so the barn cannot be dealt with until after Town Election.

Clayton said the Boodey Farmstead plan should be disseminated so residents know what it will cost. Cathy O. said the committee was working on getting a final cost. She said she had not given up on the Meetinghouse.

Sherry Cullimore suggested running fundraisers together, to raise money and to show the community we were working together.

Following more discussion, the committees agreed to keep each other apprised of events so activities don't clash, and do a fundraiser together.

Motion by Clayton at 7:58 p.m. to adjourn; second by Cathy. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn

