

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Meeting
Nov. 8, 2017
New Durham Public Library

Members Present: George Gale, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall

Absent: Bob Craycraft (excused)

1. Call to Order – Chairperson George Gale called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

2. Community Garden

Following discussion, the Committee enthusiastically supported the concept of the Meetinghouse Community Garden as outlined by the Recreation Department.

The question of when the grading requested by the Committee will be done came up. Clayton Randall has spoken to excavator Fred March, who suggested digging two test pits. Clayton said it would be preferable to grade before installing raised beds.

Motion by George to support the proposal and send a memo to the Parks and Recreation Commission indicating that the project dovetails perfectly with the Committee's charge and long term goal of developing and implementing a broad range of community use events; second by Clayton. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Budget – The Committee learned that the second budget meeting with the BOS is not to be tomorrow morning, but had already been held this morning. The posting indicated Thursday, Nov. 8, 2017, which caused the confusion.

Cathy Allyn said she ran off information on applying for grants, specifically LCHIP and NH Division of Historical Resources' Conservation License Plate Grants to share with the Board, and was working on answers to the Board's questions regarding Committee requests. She said she would email the information to the Board and Town Administrator.

She reported on the budget meeting earlier in the week. George said cutting the postage request for two mailings to cover only the postage as the Board advised would then not include the additional costs, such as envelopes, paper, ink, and mailing labels.

He brought up capital projects.

4. Outreach/Events - Halloween Update

Electricity was in in time for the event. Clayton said the activities and trick-or-treating went extremely well.

5. Maintenance

Cemetery Scan – Jesse Perry located several remains and was interested in scanning and mapping the site. On 11/5, Cathy contacted a member of the Cemetery Trustees about upkeep and scanning, who advised that Town cemeteries are no longer maintained by the Highway Dept., but are contracted out. She said the Early Settlers' cemetery is not considered abandoned, and the Cemetery Trust can be used

only for repair purposes. She suggested fundraising as the way to go, and forwarded Cathy's and her emails to TA Kinmond to see what he had to say.

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by George to accept the minutes of October 18, 2017, as written; second by Clayton. The motion carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Cathy at 8:29 p.m. to adjourn; second by George. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Allyn