

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING

March 22, 2022 6:00 p.m.

New Durham Community Room Main St. New Durham, NH

Members attending: Cathy Allyn, Robin Bickford, Ellen Phillips, Jon Mouradian, and Clayton Randall

Absent: (excused) Bob Bickford, Heather Freeman

Others attended: Tom Baker, Mark McFadden

*Call to Order:* Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

*Approval of Minutes:*

**Motion by Jon Mouradian to approve the minutes of February 9, 2022, as amended; second by Ellen Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.**

Updates:

*Financial Report:* Ms. Phillips provided the Committee with a written report of finances. With more than \$9,000 in the non-lapsing account and \$5,000 added to the CRF as a result of the March voting and bringing the fund up to \$72,9666.71, we have a total of more than \$80,000.

**Motion to approve the financial report by Robin Bickford; second by Jon Mouradian. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Meeting with TA:* Ms. Allyn said the meeting with TA Nicole Zoltko was productive, and explained that the Town is closing the non-lapsing account because it operates as a savings account. The monies will be transferred to a checking account, with an eye toward creating an ETF with the Committee as agents to expend for the future. It will involve writing monthly letters to deposit funds for the BOS. Ms. Phillips said she would be at Select Board meetings and could bring in the letters.

TA Zoltko told Ms. Allyn that an electronic account for credit cards cannot work at this time; they could go into an ETF, once established, or they could be used in conjunction with a 501(c)(3) group. She will give the Committee a date to meet with the Select Board to discuss the matters Ms. Allyn sent in an email.

Regarding maintenance of the Meetinghouse, TA Zoltko asked that the electric candles be replaced with battery powered ones. She requested the MRC get quotes for minor repairs that will be necessary until the completion of Phase II.

Following discussion, Committee members agreed to get quotes for minor repairs.

*Thermometer:* Ms. Allyn and Mr. Mouradian will get together to take a picture of the updated amount on the thermometer for the newspaper.

*Brochures:* Ms. Allyn said she will have the text for the brochures.

*Cost Estimates:* Mr. Mouradian reported he had not heard back from the contractor.

*NHPA:* The Committee agreed that if the current BOS would be content without schematic drawings for Phases III and IV until after Phase II is completed, it would be better to not pursue the Reuse/Feasibility Study now in order to keep all of the money possible in the CRF. Mark McFadden brought up the necessity of a historical building having a watertight roof.

Moving Forward –

*Fundraising:*

Commemorative Stones- Mr. Mouradian brought in the two examples he had made, and the Committee was excited about the quality and overall effect. It was agreed that borders would not be an option.

*New Durham Year:*

Assignments and Action Items - Ms. Allyn said she wanted to cement who was doing what for the first few upcoming events. She said the Historical Society had contacted the Committee about doing the program on April 14, and she'd agreed to do it.

May 14, Children's Storytime and Craft: Ms. Allyn, Ms. Phillips, and Mr. Mouradian.  
June 4, Beer and Tacos: Mr. Mouradian, Ms. Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Bickford  
July 23, Art Show and Wine: Mr. Mouradian, Ms. Phillips, Ms. Allyn, Clayton Randall.  
Aug. 6, Open House: Mr. Mouradian, probably Ms. Allyn. The Committee agreed the Open House would be from 10-12. Ms. Phillips said the Committee had agreed to help the Historical Society with the display of documents from the Town Vault. Mr. McFadden and Tom Baker said they were willing to help at all events.  
April 23, Rotary Home Show: Ms. Phillips said she would man the table. Ms. Allyn said she could spell her for a while.

The Committee agreed to change the date of the Trivia Contest to Sept. 24.

*Tables and Chairs:* The Committee discussed receipt of wooden tables and foldable metal chairs from the Rotary Club, and the current lack of storage space. It was agreed to store some items at the Meetinghouse and the rest at Ms. Phillip's and Ms. Allyn's homes. It was suggested that the old wooden chairs at the Meetinghouse could be sold.

Any Other Business:

*Funding Agency:* Ms. Allyn said she'd been advised of another grant opportunity she will pursue.

*Boodey Farmstead Committee:* Mr. Mouradian said he attended a meeting to discuss a few matters, and was made to feel welcome.

*Schedule Next Meeting* – The Committee scheduled its next meeting for April 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at the Community Room.

*Adjournment:*

**Motion by Jon Mouradian at 8:22 p.m. to adjourn; second by Robin Bickford.  
The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cathy Allyn*