

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

November 18, 2019 6:00 p.m.
New Durham Public Library

Members present: Cathy Allyn, Robert Bickford, Robin Bickford, Clayton Randall

Call to Order: Co-chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Robin Bickford to approve the minutes of October 9, 2019, as written; second by Bob Bickford. The motion carried unanimously.

Updates:

Budget:

Bob will meet with the Budget Committee on November 21, 2019.

Halloween Spooktacular:

The event was an amazing success with hundreds in attendance, a multitude of activities, and several Town departments assisting. Cathy wrote a letter to the editor from the Committee regarding the hard work that went into it all (see attached). She will stay in touch with Rec Director Celeste Chasse regarding future events.

Sign:

Cathy said she thanked the resident who redid the sign.

LCHIP Report:

The annual monitoring report is due to LCHIP by the end of the year. In the past, Cathy and George Gale have handled this. The Committee discussed the answers to the LCHIP questions. Cathy will take the required photographs, finish the report, and send it in.

Funding Opportunities:

The Committee discussed the grants available from the NH Preservation Alliance and 1772 Foundation, and agreed that the projects that could be funded would remove monies from the CRF, which can be ill afforded, and would be premature. Bob remarked that the timing is wrong for this venture.

Schedule Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bob Bickford at 6:40 p.m. to adjourn; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn

Text of Letter to the Editor:

To the Editor:

What a wonderful success the Haunted Trails and Halloween Spooktacular at the 1772 New Durham Meetinghouse Community Center was! It was truly a community effort, with volunteers of all ages involved.

What could be more fun than seeing lights stretch out throughout the grounds on a windy night and hearing shrieks in the distance? Who had a better time eating doughnuts off of a string and doing a cup cake walk inside the building – the kids or their parents? Did the candy or the popcorn surpass the hot chocolate at the Trick-or-Treatinghouse?

Hundreds of people came together on Thursday evening to celebrate, just as so many others have done through the years for both the big and small moments of humankind, and it was great to see that many people excited about an event.

The Meetinghouse, a New Hampshire Seven to Save resource and recipient of several LCHIP grants, is the building that made New Durham officially a town, and we want nothing more than residents to use it and its park to the fullest. The place was certainly “alive” on the 31st.

Our thanks go to the efforts and energy of Recreation Department Director Celeste Chasse, the Restoration Committee members who cleared the trails and parking area, and all of the child, teenaged and adult volunteers who worked so hard to make this Halloween memorable.

The 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee