

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

July 8, 2020 6:00 p.m.
Electronic meeting via Google Meet
Meet.google.com/ugm-kovb-msg

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

Others present: Heather Freeman

Call to Order: Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

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

Updates:

Membership: Ms. Allyn said the resident interested in serving on the committee indicated he would like to wait until COVID-19 concerns were laid to rest before he submitted his talent bank application to the Town. Mr. Bickford said the committee meets virtually, so that should not be a problem. Ms. Allyn said she would bring up the subject of joining with the resident again.

Mr. Randall said the committee needed people who would help with fundraising.

Clothing shed: Mr. Bickford said he and the Solid Waste Facility Director met with the St. Pauley representative and agreed on installing the shed on site to the left of the gate. The location would make the shed accessible 24/7. Road Agent Don Vachon, reached by phone said he agreed with the site, and the employee who normally parks there indicated she would park elsewhere.

Freeze on project: Mr. Randall said that concerns regarding an anticipated deficit of tax revenue have caused the Board of Selectmen to freeze the restoration project. Ms. Allyn verified that, and said many projects and departments throughout town are in the same boat.

Moving Forward:

CIP meeting: Ms. Allyn presented the committee with her narrative for the upcoming CIP meeting. Much of the material has been presented before. Mr. Bickford said the information clearly articulates the plan. He added that the estimated amounts are three to four years old. Mr. Randall said the rule of thumb used in the past to generate current prices would be to raise them six per cent each year. Mr. Bickford said he was unable to attend with Ms. Allyn, as he was working. He said there was misinformation out there among the various boards, but the first

page of the narrative cleared it up. He said the situation regarding the roof replacement was urgent, noting that rain would not hurt anything stored in a trailer, but it would damage the Meetinghouse.

Presentation of project: Mr. Bickford indicated he would collaborate with Ms. Allyn; he will work on a presentation using Arron Sturgis' report. Ms. Allyn said she would check with the TA Scott Kinmond to get the exact cost of the foundation, to calculate what we would project for Phase II now, due to increased costs.

RFP: Mr. Bickford said he had familiarity with RFPs and would work on it. Ms. Allyn said TA Kinmond had offered to help. Ms. Allyn will find out how much money is left in the CRF.

Any Other Business:

Mr. Bickford said Halloween activities were on hold.

Heather Freeman asked about funding authorities explored, specifically the NH Charitable Fund. Mr. Bickford said he'd checked out several authorities and they either had no money or our project did not qualify. Ms. Freeman said the NHCF uses a general application that is reviewed to see if there is a match. She suggested completing an application. Mr. Bickford said he would look at the general application.

Ms. Allyn said she would give a bulleted list of the Meetinghouse structure and grounds to Ms. Freeman. Ms. Freeman said there is a current movement to restore historic buildings.

Ms. Allyn said she would check to see if the Budget Committee has released its schedule yet.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bob Bickford at 7:16 p.m. to adjourn; second by Robin Bickford. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn – aye, Bob Bickford – aye, Robin Bickford – aye, Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn