

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee  
Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2023  
Approved April 12, 2023.

Members present: Ellen Phillips (Chair), Clayton Randall, Robin Bickford (by phone), Marc Decoff (BOS liason), Susan Randall

Guests present: Cathy Allyn (by phone)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ellen Phillips at 7:03pm.

Approval of Minutes

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes.

**Motion to accept the minutes as written. (C. Randall/E. Phillips) Approved unanimously.**

Financial Report

One check for \$92.31 has not been turned in yet. Once that check is deposited our total will be \$25,004.99. Ellen noted that she received a copy of our budget from Town Hall. She felt that errors had been made with respect to the accounts to which the withdrawals had been attributed. She will try to have a clear reporting for the next meeting.

**Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. (C. Randall/E. Phillips) Approved unanimously.**

New Business

Community Funding Grant

Ellen was made aware of a grant through Representative Pappa's office for which we could apply. There was a very narrow window of time for applying (5 days), so Ellen completed and submitted a preliminary application for \$200,000 with help from the Town Administrator and approval of the Board of Selectmen. The application included letters of support from the Board and Cathy Orlowicz, the Town Historian. If chosen, the Committee will be asked to present a more in-depth explanation of the project.

Old Business

Spring Fling

- spinners
  - Sue – no word yet, she will call her contact if no word by 3/19/23

- herding dog and sheep
  - Bob – Tim will bring sheep and ducks
    - Jon Mouradian has given permission to use his field across from the Meetinghouse
  - Ellen – Is there a cost (\$200-\$250 had been mentioned) – we need to find sponsors
    - Ellen will try Meredith Savings Bank
    - ArcMark offered support also
- oxen
  - they will use the road area to the side of the Meetinghouse toward the Park entrance
- fundraising
  - donation jar
  - 50/50 raffle
    - needs BOS approval
- ice cream sales
  - the Committee will solicit donations of ice cream to sell
  - Clayton – check with Jon Mouradian to see if his ice cream machine is working
- picnic
  - people may bring their own picnic lunch and use the grounds to eat
- music
  - Ellen will ask Mark D'entremont and try to locate others
- advertising
  - letter to Baysider in April and May
  - Facebook community pages and the Meetinghouse page
  - posters – Sue will design something

NH Preservation Alliance - Andrew Cushing is our contact

- we received guidance regarding the need for a new or simply updated Historical Structure Report and if funding was available for a new one
  - Andrew suggested a second opinion for restoration work
    - the committee is requesting recommendations for someone to do this
  - Andrew asked if we would be pursuing an LCHIP grant this year
    - the committee is not sure at this time

### Moose Plate grant

- letter of intent is due by May 10, 2023

### Election Letter

- post on Facebook pages and Baysider
  - encourage supporting Article 21 that provides Meetinghouse funding

### Gift shop

- flag design
  - members chose a blue background with a Meetinghouse picture in front

**Motion to spend no more than \$60 on 1 large flag and pole and 1 garden flag. (C. Randall/E. Phillips) Approved unanimously.**

- items for sale
  - Christmas ornaments
  - note cards
  - colonial children's games
  - colonial cookbooks
  - cotton hot mats

### Commemorative stones

- ideas for selling more stones deferred to next meeting

### Other Business

#### Maintenance of Meetinghouse

- Clayton, Tom, and Mark can continue to do outside work
- requests for any maintenance work by the Town should go through Nicole

### Rotary Home Show – April 22, 2023

we have a free table to sell items and talk to people about the project

### Suggestions for future fundraising

- mother/daughter tea party
- “old time” photos
- personalized silhouettes
- baking contest
- pictures of Meetinghouse
- limited edition Christmas ornaments

### Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn at 8:37 pm. (C. Randall/E. Phillips) Approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Randall, Secretary

Next meeting April 12, 2023.

Rolling list of action

Clayton – check with Jon on his ice cream machine

Sue – design and order flags, design Spring Fling poster, make hot mats and children's games for gift shop, contact Peter Cook about participation in Spring Fling, research tile hot mats and T-shirts for gift shop, pursue paint removal from trees

Ellen – solicit sponsorship from MSB, approval from BOS for 50/50 raffle, check on music, make hot mats for gift shop, check final form for stone orders, research T-shirts for gift shop, review rental agreement document for building and add how to take care of the building (ie: not tape, tacks on walls, etc.)

anyone ?– solicit ice cream donations for sale at Spring Fling