

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee  
Meeting minutes for June 20, 2023  
Approved July 19, 2023

Members present: Chair Ellen Phillips, Clayton Randall, Cathy Allyn, Susan Randall,  
Marc Decoff (BOS Liason)

Guests: Dot Veisel, George Gale

Call to order: Chair Ellen Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes:

There was one correction to the minutes. At the bottom of page 3 the sentence should read: "Bob Bickford and Jon Mouradian are editors for the commemorative stones."

**Motion to approve minutes of May 11, 2023 as amended. (C. Allyn/C. Randall)**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Treasurer's report:

Ellen reported income of \$297.00 from the yard sale and \$136.19 from the clothing shed. Checking/ETF balance is \$28,218.95 and CRF balance is \$88,000.00 for a total of \$116,218.95.

**Motion to approve Treasurer's report as presented. (C. Allyn/E. Phillips) Motion approved unanimously.**

Old Business

Stones

One addition and one correction was made to Ellen's list of inscriptions.

**Motion to approve the 5 inscriptions as corrected. (C. Allyn/E. Phillips)**

Ellen noted that the BOS did not approve the inscriptions at their last meeting. She is waiting for a return call from NH Municipal Association to determine if the personal information on the applications can be redacted before they are released to the public under the Right to Know law. Cathy noted that in the past personal information was redacted from a survey that was released to the public.

Clothing shed

St. Paulie has requested that we accept payment through direct deposit. It appears that will not work with our account. Ellen will investigate further and report back.

Clayton noted that they have not been taking all the clothes in the shed. No one seems to know why.

### Chairman's report

We have received a quote of \$1200 from Huckins Tree and Landscape LLC for the removal of the tree in the side yard that was struck by lightning. The cost will be paid out of the Town's tree fund. The Town Administrator and Road Agent will survey the property with Clayton to identify any other hazardous trees. If necessary the Town Administrator will then develop a budget to remove those trees over time.

Thank you notes have been sent to the people who have purchased stones and to the sponsors of the Spring Fling.

The Gift Shop will open on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 1:00pm. Cathy will advertise the hours on the Meetinghouse website ahead of time.

Ellen met with Chief Varney and the Code Enforcement Officer about the building capacity. The Chief felt that 77 people in the main room would be an appropriate number. He noted that it would require that the supporting posts in the main room be removed and the handicap access was in place. He will send the committee a letter with these details.

The question of moving the main electrical box was brought up. Should we solicit input from the Highway Department and then take the input to the TA?

Ellen attended the BOS meeting and asked for their response to the committee's letter regarding the BOS vision for future uses of the Meetinghouse. The response was that the Board wanted the MRC to bring their proposal to the Board for approval.

### New Business

#### Ideas for summer events

- picnic
- movie night
  - we would need a permit for this
- pot luck supper on August 19<sup>th</sup>
  
- baking contest – Sue will check for “how to”
  - should it be pies - any type – or blueberry baked goods only?
  - Ellen will check with Rich Miller about how to run this
  - Clayton - check with Muddy Road food truck
  - Cathy - check with Dana for BBQ food truck
  - barbershop quartet - Cathy
  - penny sale or silent auction???
  - penny candy sale - \$1 to fill a small bag?

## Idea for 2024

- murder mystery
  - stories are available to buy
  - current charges are generally \$65+ per person

## Newsletter

- should go out in July
- takes 4-5 days to prepare for mailing once it is printed

## Sub-committee charter

The Town Administrator has asked the MRC to adopt a charter for the grant sub-committee. It should contain the goal and objectives for the committee. Chairman Ellen Phillips responded that the purpose of the committee was to write the grant.

## Grant sub-committee updates

- Energy
  - Due to IT issues Ellen was not able to share the link to the grant application with Revision Energy.
- Septic system
  - Sue has received information from Squam Lake Science Center about the company they use for their composting toilets. Sue will contact them.

## Miscellaneous

It was suggested that the committee set up a calendar of events for the coming year to assist in planning.

The Historical Society's Revels event will be July 15, 2023; they will be breaking ground for the Boodey Farmstead. The MRC committee is invited. Ellen will respond.

The next meeting of the MRC grant committee is Monday, June 26, 2023 at 10:00 am. Ellen will post the agenda.

**Motion to adjourn at 6:47pm (C. Allyn/E. Phillips)**

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Randall, Secretary

Rolling list of action

Ellen – check about direct deposit from St. Paulie, contact Rich Miller about pie contest,

Sue – contact timber framers, preservationists, septic system contact, Wendy Anderson (landscape architect), research pie contest,

Cathy – contact food truck, barbershop quartet, send Bob editor's information on stones

Bob – schedule Zoom for sub-committee meetings