

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 7:00 p.m.
New Durham Public Library

Members present: Chairperson George Gale, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall, Robin Bickford

Absent: Robert Craycraft (excused), Robert Bickford (excused)

Others present: Paula Gehl

Call to Order: Chairperson George Gale called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Public Input: No public input.

Business: Chair Gale said he addresses four general areas of business at each meeting: Planning, Construction/Maintenance, Outreach/Events, and CRF/Fundraising/Grants.

Outreach/Events: Review of Clean-Up Day – Cathy Allyn said some people mentioned to her that they found out about the event too late. Consensus was that information had been put out in plenty of time, and this is just something that happens. The Committee discussed using the email list of supporters that has been developed over the years to let people know.

Chair Gale said the mobile sign worked out well. He said he effected several repairs, but the plastic strips are brittle and prone to breakage.

Cathy said she appreciated all of the food and drinks Chair Gale provided. Paula Gehl said the trucks were very useful. Chair Gale noted that all of the workers said they would come back to help again.

Chair Gale said the next project – clearing in front of the pine grove on the North side of the building – would be easier. Clayton Randall suggested he and George cut it first and have others come to haul the brush away.

The next event will be another Clean-up Day on July 14. The Meetinghouse would be open for tours, as well. Cathy asked about maintaining the work that has been done. Chair Gale said once we dig out the little stumps, it will be easy to mow.

Paula suggested installing birdhouses on poles around the grounds. Cathy asked if the birdhouses could be models of the Meetinghouse. Robin Bickford said her neighbor makes birdhouses and that she could inquire. Paula suggested inviting other boards to suggest “park” ideas. George noted that the Committee has wanted a picnic table there, Paula suggested the Boy Scouts could have a sleep over. Cathy said lilies could border the wall and we could plant flowers and have flower pots.

Chair Gale said we should use a backhoe to straighten the wall, dump some loam, and ask for donations of ditch lilies or other drought resistant plants. He said prep work should be done first. Paula suggested planting some shrubs. Cathy said she would find out the best time to transplant day lilies.

Capital Reserve Fund: Chair Gale said the CIP Committee requested submission this year for the CIP plan. Cathy said Chair Gale had done a great job last year and had tied it to the Master Plan. Chair Gale said he would stress the urgency in the CIP request, as there are emergency posts in there now and it could take up to two years to secure a contractor. He added that the shingles are 30-some years old.

Planning: Regarding going out to bid, Chair Gale said we need to get an RFP to the handful of qualified contractors right away to get some quotes. He noted that Arron Sturgis would be preferable, and he was hopeful to get a bid from him. He said TA Kinmond had done a great job of helping write up the RFP for the foundation work.

He said we needed to get money in the CRF. He said that delaying the project a year could increase costs up to \$20,000. Paula asked about finding a demographic group that would indicate financial support.

Chair Gale said the earliest he could work on an RFP would be in early July, due to work commitments.

Construction/Maintenance: Chair Gale said he ran into Tom Ahern, who indicated he might start the work a week earlier than thought. Cathy is to contact Vicky Bunker to let her know the timeline and that she should contact George.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Chair Gale to approve the minutes of April 25, 2018, as amended; second by Cathy. The motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment: **Motion by Cathy at 8:16 p.m. to adjourn; second by Clayton. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn