

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Meeting Minutes for November 7, 2022

Approved 11/22/22

Members present: Ellen Phillips, Bob Bickford, Robin Bickford

Guests present: Cathy Allyn, Dot Veisel (Board of Selectmen), Nicole Zoltko (Town Administrator)

Called to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Chairperson Ellen Phillips

Approval of Minutes: motion to accept minutes as written by Bob Bickford, second by Robin Bickford. Motion to accept unanimous.

New Business:

1. Workshop with Board of Selectmen:

- a) Discuss having a member of BOS be a liason between the board and the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee.
- b) Need to clear up where funds for maintenance of Meetinghouse comes out of, both now and after the Meetinghouse restoration is complete.
- c) Discuss and clarify the MRC charge. Ellen made aware of a charge from 2013 that apparently hadn't been approved and made official. She will share this with MRC members and ask for feedback.
- d) Certified Local Government: Nicole Zoltko had discussed this issue with the previous BOS and they were not willing to work on it at the time due to time constraints. Nicole recommends we do as much of it as possible since the list of things needed to be done is extensive and the BOS will not be willing to do it all. Also need to discuss a workshop about starting a Heritage Commission. Cathy Allyn and Bob Bickford to send Ellen whatever information they have on this issue.
- e) New Members search: A local builder is willing to work on grant implementation team. Does BOS have any suggestions for new members?
- f) Future Grants: Do we need to have increased communication with BOS? How often?

g) Should we or should we not apply for 501C3 Status? Cathy Allyn states she has spoken to people who recommend that we do. For some grants we need to be a 501C3 for 2 years. Would Jon Mouradian still want to be involved with helping us achieve 501C3 status? Dot asked how much it would cost to hire someone to help us in the process. Dot and Ellen will speak to people who they know that may be able to answer some questions for us.

h) Explain plaques and "Raise the Roof" fundraisers and would the BOS approve of us doing them? Do we need approval from BOS for all fundraising activities? What are their expectations from us? Ask about a plaque that is stored away that was made in the ?1980's. We would like to display it at events to show how long people have been working on the restoration project.

j) Treasurer report not available at this time.

2. Fundraising: There is to be another newsletter sent out by the end of November. This will update events coming up as well as current fundraising activities and will give historical information regarding Colonel Tash. Ellen to talk to the Post Office about how they want it formatted.

Events

1) Holiday Fair: Ellen and Robin to attend fair and have a booth set up. We will sell notecards and answer questions.

2) December Holiday Program: to be on December 10th at the Meetinghouse. Cathy to come up with a formal plan and probable skit. Refreshments will be served and there will be caroling.

3) Spring Fling: Possibly on May 21st. This will be a Meetinghouse/Parks & Rec collaboration before Easter.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m. by Bob Bickford/Robin Bickford. Unanimous

Next meeting scheduled for December 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.

Future Agenda Items

Discuss charter and what we would like to see on it. Make it relevant for today.

Discuss results of workshop with BOS.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Bickford