

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, March 21, 2018 7:00 p.m.
New Durham Public Library

Members present: Chairperson George Gale, Cathy Allyn, Robert Craycraft, Laura Montgomery, Clayton Randall

Others present: Robin Bickford, Cathy Orlowicz

I. Call to Order: Chairperson George Gale called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Public Input: Cathy Orlowicz asked for introductions.

III. Welcome and Orientation: Chair Gale welcomed new member Laura Montgomery and prospective member Robin Bickford. He provided copies of the Committee's charge for review and indicated great progress on a number of items.

He said the Committee has built a good relationship with LCHIP, which is the "only game in town." Regarding background, he said we received a grant to do an HSR and one to be put toward completing the foundation work to be done this year. Once that is finished, frame repair is necessary and we need to take it out to bid.

Chair Gale showed a picture of a two-story meetinghouse in Harpswell, ME, which would have been similar to New Durham's. Damage was done to our Meetinghouse when the building was cut down to one story in 1838 because the braces were cut out, thereby creating the sag evident now.

The Committee looked at work done by Preservation Timber Framing, which outlines clearly what parts of the building need to be repaired or replaced. Chair Gale said 2022 is the building's 250th birthday and we want to have the project completed in time for that.

He passed out copies of the packet he developed for the CIP committee. He said the total cost of the project will be around \$400,000 and we have \$100,000. Chair Gale said if the Town will put up money up front, LCHIP would support the project. Cathy Allyn said the Meetinghouse project dovetails with the goals of the Town's Master Plan.

Chair Gale said LCHIP works on a points basis, and by being on the National Register of Historic Places as well as being a Seven to Save project, we are in an excellent position. He said LCHIP would want to see the Town put up money, adding that LCHIP loves to fund projects that are close to completion.

Chair Gale passed out a list of Priorities for Fall of 2017 that was given to the Board of Selectmen.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Chair Gale to approve the minutes of November 13, 2017, November 17, 2017, November 22, 2017 and November 27, 2017, as written; second by Clayton Randall. The motion passed. Laura abstained.

V. Adjournment

Motion by Chair Gale at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn; second by Bob Craycraft. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Allyn