

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
Meeting Minutes for April 12, 2023
Approved May 11, 2023

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

Guests present: Dot Veisel (arrived at approximately 7:10pm)

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Phillips at 6:34pm.

Non-public session

Chair Ellen Phillips motioned to enter non-public session pursuant to RSA 91-A:3 II(c). Susan Randall seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Chair Ellen Phillips – aye; Bob Bickford – aye; Robin Bickford – aye; Clayton Randall – aye; Susan Randall – aye.

The Committee entered public session at 6:58PM.

Bob Bickford motioned to seal the minutes of the nonpublic session of April 12, 2023. Robin Bickford seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of Cathy Allyn to the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee. (E. Phillips/B. Bickford) Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

There were no changes to the minutes of March 8, 2023 and March 21, 2023.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 8, 2023 as written. (R. Bickford/B. Bickford) Vote was 4 yes, 1 abstention.

Motion to approve the minutes of March 21, 2023 as written. (E. Phillips/R. Bickford) Vote was 4 yes, 1 abstention.

Financial Report

Current checking account balance is \$26,162.10. Ellen explained that the February check for the clothing shed had been lost and is being replaced.

Motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. (C. Randall/B. Bickford) Approved unanimously.

New Business

Grant Opportunity

The Committee has learned of a new grant opportunity through the Community Development Finance Authority that is specifically for the development of community centers. It requires a 15% match.

The Committee has a pre-application appointment on Monday, April 17, 2023 to meet with someone from CDEFA. This will be an opportunity to ask questions and get information to determine if this grant is a good fit for our restoration project. Ellen Phillips, Cathy Allyn, and Sue Randall will attend and report back to the Committee. Discussion ensued.

- Do we have enough of the target groups required in the application to be competitive?
- This will be a big job, there are many required elements in the application.
- We need to appeal to the community for people who have expertise in the areas we need help with and who would be will to work on the project.
- We have an architect lined up.
- Next opportunity to submit an application will be in late fall.

Summer Reading program

The library is asking groups in town to participate in a read aloud some time during the summer. The group has the option to provide an activity of some sort as well.

Town Wide Yard Sale

- 2 days, 5/20 and 5/21 – we will do 1 day
- set up at Bickford's or across the street
- Robin will do paperwork and ask to be put on the map

Old Business

Spring Fling – May 7, 2023 10am – 2pm
activities:

- Tim Molinaro will bring his herding dogs, along with sheep and ducks
 - cost is \$200
- There will be one team of oxen.

- Muddy Road has given a tentative “yes” for their food truck. They will be selling root beer for sure.
- There may be spinners, this is not yet confirmed.
 - Alice Perron may be willing to come
- Ellen will check with Johnson’s to see if they will donate ice cream
 - Ellen will bring bowls, etc.
- Jon Mouradian may still have toppings, etc. from the last time
- Cathy will tell/read a story
- Cathy and Sue will have games
- 50/50 raffle
- picnic tables inside and out
- it was suggested that we could sell campfire wood
- Sponsors: ArcMarc.
 - Marc will approach Meredith Village Savings Bank for a donation.

Alton Home Show – April 21, 2023

The Committee had previously declined a free table because no one was available on that day. Since then Cathy and Dave Allyn have offered to man the table in the morning and Tom Baker and Mark McFadden have offered to cover the afternoon. We will have a table to sell items and talk to people about the Meetinghouse project

Stones

- we need to advertise
- should we consider allowing tribute stones – no
- ask contributors if we can display their stones at functions until they are set
- reminder: MRC should approve inscriptions and then send to BOS for final approval

Other Business

Committee members signed a form acknowledging that they have received a new key to the Meetinghouse.

Cathy Orlowicz provided information to the Committee about copyright laws and creating a 501(c)(3). The material was shared with the members.

The committee received correspondence from Andrew Cushing at NH Preservation Alliance. He provided contact information for two timber framers in the area and suggested we contact them for a second bid on the restoration project. The committee will follow up at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:53pm. (B. Bickford/E. Phillips) Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Randall, Secretary

Next meeting May 11, 2023

Rolling list of action

Sue - design Spring Fling poster, check on photo ops for Spring Fling, children's games, research tile hot mats and T-shirts for gift shop, pursue paint removal from trees.

Ellen - approval from BOS for 50/50 raffle, solicit ice cream donation from Johnson's, bowls, etc., check on music, 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.)

Clayton – check with Jon on his ice cream machine