

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2023
Approved June 20, 2023

Members present: Chair Ellen Phillips, Vice-Chair Bob Bickford, Robin Bickford, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall, Susan Randall Secretary.

Guests present: Dot Veisel

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Phillips at 6:01 pm.

Approval of Minutes

There was a discussion regarding the unsealing of the non-public minutes.

Motion to unseal the minutes of the non-public minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting. (E. Phillips/B. Bickford). Vote: E. Phillips-yes, Bob Bickford-yes, Robin Bickford-yes, Clayton Randall-yes, Susan Randall-yes.

There were no changes to the minutes of the April 12, 2023 minutes and the non-public minutes of April 12, 2023.

Motion to accept the minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting (including non-public minutes) as written. (R. Bickford/B. Bickford) Vote: 5 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention.

Financial Report

Total donations for the period from April 23, 2023 to May 8, 2023 was \$2,705.46. This was for the sale of 2 commemorative stones (@ \$1000 each), clothing shed (\$154.46), and donations received from visitors and sponsors and merchandise sold at the Spring Fling event (\$551) Current balance of the expendable trust fund is 27,785.76. Current balance of the CRF is \$88,000. Total for both accounts is \$115,785.76

Motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented. (C. Randall/B. Bickford) The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Rotary presentation

- Bob will present slide show
- Cathy will provide narrative via Zoom call
- Ellen will introduce them

CDFA grant

- next round of applications due in late fall
- project must be finished within 2 years
- need sub-committee to work on grant

Motion to form a grant writing sub-committee of Ellen Phillips, Cathy Allyn, Bob Bickford, and Susan Randall to work on an application for CDFA Community Center Investment Program. (E. Phillips/C. Allyn) The vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

- next steps
 - ask NH Preservation Alliance for recommendations
 - find a preservationist to oversee the project and guide the committee
 - find a landscape architect to plan location of addition and parking access
 - should have engineer stamp
 - BOS - determine how to pay for upfront costs
- contact timber framers recommended by NH Preservation Alliance
- contact code enforcement officer and other town departments
 - What do we need to be in compliance?
 - Are there any exceptions for historic buildings?
- Solar energy audit
 - Ellen will contact a friend in the field

Motion to authorize Cathy Allyn to contact three preservationists about working with us on the grant application for CDFA. (E. Phillips/B. Bickford) Vote was unanimous in favor of the motion.

Next meetings: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:30pm at the Meetinghouse.
Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the Meetinghouse.

Cathy Allyn will be out of town and will join via a Zoom call. There was discussion about recording the meetings.

Old Business

Commemorative stones

Five stones have been sold. The cost to engrave all 5 is \$1000. Ellen will bring the order forms to the next meeting so the committee can approve the language of the engravings and send them on to the BOS for final approval.

Spring Fling analysis

- Change time to 11:00-2:00 if on Sunday-people are at church earlier.
- Have the musician start earlier (not at noon) – people left

- Hold later in May -3rd week?
- One large tub of ice cream was used for approximately 150 people
- Tape up the donation jar -money was possibly taken
- Arrange for portapotty ahead of time
- Recruit more people to help – Friends of Meetinghouse?
- Place more signage – directing to root beer, sheep herding, etc.

Gift Shop – during Spring Fling

- Sold all cookbooks - \$10 each
- Sold 6 whirlygigs (kids toy) - \$2 each

Gift Shop summer schedule – 11:00am – 1:00pm

- June 10th
- June 24th
- July 8th
- July 22nd
- August 12th
- August 26th

Town-Wide Yard Sale – May 20th 8:00am - 2:00pm

- set up at Bickford's house
- Robin has stickers, 4 tables, pop up tents

Other Business

Should there be a port-a-potty on the property for the summer?

- Who would pay for it? It would be on Town property.

Tree removal

Clayton informed the committee that a large tree in the vicinity of the Meetinghouse had been flagged. It appears that it was struck by lightning and he thought maybe the Town crew had marked it to be cut down. Ellen will bring it to the attention of the BOS and Town Administrator.

Clean up day

Clayton will contact Cathy about recruiting volunteers when he is ready to continue working on cleanup around the building.

Cathy will contact the Town Administrator about being reinstated on the Meetinghouse website.

Bob Bickford and Jon Mouradian are Facebook editors for the commemorative stones. Cathy will resend the information to Bob.

Cathy will contact Sue for help with a storytime activity for 2-5 year olds at the Meetinghouse.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 8:10 pm. (C. Allyn/E. Phillips) Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Randall, Secretary

Next meeting June 7, 2023, 6:00pm at the Meetinghouse.

Rolling list of action

Ellen – thank you cards to Muddy Road, spinners guild, Abenaki, Luke Bronnenberg, Tim Molinaro, Meredith Village Savings Bank, ArcMarc; notify BOS and TA about tree that is flagged; contact Wendy Anderson, landscape architect

Sue – contact timber framers, code enforcement officer

Cathy – contact preservationists, send Bob editor's information on stones

Bob – schedule Zoom for sub-committee meetings

Robin – yard sale