

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Wednesday, Oct. 10, 2018 7:00 p.m.
New Durham Public Library

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

Absent: (excused) Robert Craycraft

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

Public Input: No public input.

Construction/Maintenance - Chair Gale summarized the foundation project. He said the big picture was fantastic, as the foundation looks beautiful and will last for centuries, and the building is dead-level.

Clayton Randall said he met with Town Administrator Scott Kinmond on site. Bob Bickford agreed to help Clayton remove the excess loam.

Chair Gale stated he spent several hours per day on site to ensure a better result than we would have had. He said there had been some exchange of tasks with the contractor.

Outreach/Events: Halloween – Cathy Allyn gave an update on where the committee is in its partnership with the Parks and Recreation Department for the event on Oct. 31. She asked that everyone be on the look-out for battery operated tea lights or lanterns to use along the pathway to the pound and cemetery. In an email, Paula Gehl had mentioned decorating the windows; Cathy suggested everyone look for decorations, also. Cathy will get with Paula about scary things at the pound. Bob and Robin indicated they could help. An imposing figure dressed in black to lead people to the pound has been located. Clayton will contact Nichole regarding setting up the trail for Halloween.

Open House – Cathy indicated she would be there, with a colonial craft for kids and the model of the Meetinghouse. Paula and Clayton will also be able to attend.

New Business: Items in the storage unit in Farmington need to be picked up. Chair Gale and Clayton said they would go this Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. to get them.

Chair Gale indicated he'd worked on electrical work at the Meetinghouse. He said he'd gotten an email from Town Hall indicating TA Kinmond and Selectman David Swenson would do a site visit. He also received an email regarding setting up a meeting with LCHIP's George Born, Selectman Swenson, Chair Gale, and TA Kinmond to discuss the project and LCHIP's role in assisting us to completion and grant satisfaction.

Chair Gale is to get clarification from TA Kinmond if this references the foundation project or the project as a whole. Chair Gale said he felt the entire committee should be in attendance. Members agreed.

Clayton said the highway department removed stumps and cleared up the site, and the fire department provided pressurized water. He said the departments should receive some sort of public recognition for the help.

Chair Gale said he'd received a lot of positive feedback on the project from around town.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Clayton Randall to approve the minutes of September 26, 2018, as written; second by Chair Gale. The motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment: **Motion by Cathy Allyn at 8:04 p.m. to adjourn; second by Chair Gale. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn

A.) Halloween - The Committee planned the Halloween event on Wednesday, Oct. 31 from 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., which are the official Town hours. Cathy Allyn will contact the Rec Dept. to see about doing another joint venture. Paula Gehl will be stationed at the Olde Stone Pound, providing scary noises and effects. The Committee is looking for a tall, imposing person dressed in black to lead groups to the pound from the front of the Meetinghouse.

Cathy will pick up the candy and Paula offered to get three pumpkins. Clayton will hand out the candy by the jack-o-lanterns at the front of the building. Paula said she would check into getting someone to do fortune telling, and Cathy said she would publicize the event.

B.) Open House – The Committee agreed a draw was needed for the Open House scheduled on Saturday, Oct. 27 from noon until 3:00 p.m. Suggestions included: Colonial era games and crafts, line dancing class, yoga class, a display, and goats secured in the pound.

, who has been clerking the foundation project, gave an update. He reported the LCHIP representative had been on site and was briefed on the history of the building, the background of the project, and the community support.

Old Business – Clayton Randall indicated the volunteer has worked two times at the Early Settlers' Cemetery.

Schedule Next Meeting: The next meeting will be October 10, 2018.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Chair Gale to approve the minutes of August 27, 2018, as written; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried unanimously.**

Adjournment: **Motion by Cathy Allyn at 8:30 p.m. to adjourn; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn

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