

1 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
2 Meeting Minutes for July 19,2023
3 **Draft**
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5 Members present: Chair Ellen Phillips, Clayton Randall, Sue Randall, Cathy Allyn, Bob
6 and Robin Bickford (via Zoom), Marc DeCoff (BOS liason)
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8 Public present: George Gale, Rudy Rosiello
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10 Call to Order

11 The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Phillips at 6:03 pm.
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13 Approval of Minutes

14 **Motion to accept minutes of June 20, 2023 as written. (C. Allyn/E. Phillips). Roll**
15 **call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B.**
16 **Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.**
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18 Financial Report

19 There was no Treasurer's report available. It was noted that \$165.90 from the clothing
20 shed had been accepted by the BOS.

21 **Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. (C. Allyn/E. Phillips). Roll**
22 **call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B.**
23 **Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.**
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25 New Business

26 drone photos of the Meetinghouse – donated by John Gisis

- 27 • people are asking to buy them
 - 28 ◦ should we raffle or sell them?
 - 29 • Would Mr. Gisis allow us to sell prints?
 - 30 ◦ Cost?
 - 31 · enough to cover Mr. Gisis' costs
 - 32 · balance would go to Meetinghouse
 - 33 • get permission to put on notecards?
 - 34 • Cathy will contact him
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37 Old Business

38 Newsletter

39 The newsletter has been mailed out.
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41 **Motion to reimburse Bob Bickford \$342.20 for printing 1,450 copies; funds to come**
42 **from the advertising account of the Meetinghouse budget. (C. Randall/C. Allyn).**
43 **Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B.**
44 **Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.**

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46 **Motion to reimburse Cathy Allyn \$289.87 for postage for 1,450 copies; funds to**
47 **come from the postage account of the Meetinghouse budget. (C. Randall/C. Allyn).**
48 **Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B.**
49 **Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.**

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51 Commemorative stones

52 We have 5 stones sold and approved by the BOS. We need 9 stones to begin setting
53 stones in the ground. Can we set 4 blank stones (as place holders) so that we can get the
54 first group of stones in the ground? (the blank stones would be replaced as we sell more
55 stones)

- 56 • we have no permission for the Highway Dept. help yet
- 57 • needs BOS approval
- 58 ◦ Bob will contact Will Cardinal
- 59 • once approved by BOS the MRC must vote to approve setting stones

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61 A past volunteer has suggested that the Town/Meetinghouse should donate a stone in
62 honor of Eloise Bickford, who was a Town Historian and was responsible for having the
63 Meetinghouse placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Bob Bickford pointed
64 out that many other volunteers had helped preserve the Meetinghouse, including his
65 father, Bob Bickford, Sr. and his uncle George Bickford.

66 It was suggested that some sort of tribute stone could be placed instead to honor all the
67 volunteers that had worked over the years to keep the Meetinghouse standing. Ellen will
68 contact Cathy Orlowicz, current Town Historian, to see if there is a list of volunteers.
69 Since there may not be room for individual names, committee members were urged to
70 generate ideas for an inscription that would honor all involved.

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72 **Motion to table the suggestion until more information is available. (C. Randall/C.**
73 **Allyn). Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-**
74 **yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.**

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76 Story Hour – July 25, 2023 10:00 am

- 77 • Cathy, Sue, Ellen
- 78 • cookies – Ellen
- 79 • craft – plant picture from leaves, etc.
- 80 ◦ if rain is forecast, collect leaves, etc. and dry beforehand

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83 Neighborhood Picnic – August 26, 2023

- 84 • Ellen is out of town on this date.
- 85 • BBQ truck
- 86 • Muddy Road root beer
- 87 • music – will be live or PA system
 - 88 ◦ Cathy will check with Jon Mouradian
 - 89 ◦ Ellen will check with Rich Leonard
- 90 • trail walks
- 91 • self-guided tours of New Durham points of interest
 - 92 ◦ Ellen will ask Cathy Orlowicz for the map used for school tours
- 93 • at 11:30 am - David Allyn, Clayton, Marc(??) - put tables out
- 94 • tablecloths - Ellen
- 95 • encourage people to bring chairs of some type

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97 250th Heritage plaques

- 98 • plaque size – 9”x12”
- 99 • three levels – platinum, gold, silver
 - 100 ◦ there were no platinum donors
- 101 • need BOS approval to get plaques
- 102 • need list of names and amounts donated – Ellen
- 103 • Cathy will contact Pep’s Trophies for current prices of plaques

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105 vision statement

106 The BOS made one change to the statement we sent them; change the first word from
107 “The” to “One”.

108 **Motion to approve the vision statement as revised. (C. Allyn/E. Phillips). Roll call of**
109 **vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes,**
110 **R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.**

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112 Other Business

113 Election of Officers

114 Members declined to accept nominations for new positions.

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116 Gift Shop

117 Ellen needs a volunteer to run the Gift Shop (10-1) the day of the Neighborhood Picnic.

118 Future dates: 7/29, 8/12, 8/26

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120 Adjournment

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122 **Motion to adjourn at 7:07 pm. (C. Randall/B. Bickford). Roll call of vote: E.**
123 **Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R.**
124 **Bickford-yes. Motion approved.**

125 Respectfully submitted,
126 Susan Randall, Secretary
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129 Next meeting: Wednesday, August 16, 2023. Location TBD
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132 Rolling list of action
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134 ELLEN
135 ask Cathy Orlowicz for the map used for school tours
136 check with Rich Leonard about PA/music
137 250th Heritage plaques – list of names and amounts donated
138 tablecloths for picnic
139 check on location for 8/16 meetings
140 check about direct deposit from St. Paulie
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142 CATHY
143 check with Jon Mouradian about PA/music
144 contact Mr. Gisis about possibility of selling prints of Meetinghouse
145 contact Pep's Trophies for current prices on plaques
146 send Bob editor's information on stones
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148 SUE
149 research apple contest
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151 BOB
152 contact Highway Dept. about helping set stones
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154 CLAYTON
155 put tables out for picnic
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157 MARC
158 put tables out for picnic??
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160 ALL
161 inscription for tribute stone for Meetinghouse volunteers