

Approved May 8, 2019 Minutes

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

May 8, 2019 7:00 p.m.
New Durham Public Library

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

Absent: (excused) Robin Bickford, Robert Craycraft

Call to Order: Co-chairperson George Gale called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

Planning: The Committee discussed working with the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to see what warrant article for monies to be added to the CRF both of those bodies would support. Robert Bickford said a BOS member stated that the problem with the Committee's petition warrant article had been using money from the undesignated fund balance. Co-chair Gale said TA Scott Kinmond had recommended to him that the Committee should request that money.

Bob said the Committee should ask how much money is left in the undesignated fund balance, and then we could go from there. He said it makes no sense to write up an RFP, as the Board requested, if we don't have the money to do the frame and roof work.

The consensus of the Committee was to schedule meetings with the BOS and the BC and ask how much money they would support in a warrant article; suggest setting up a stream of money from the timber tax; and suggest guaranteeing a substantial amount from the undesignated fund balance over several years, which would give us the ability to approach contractors now and schedule the work.

Co-chair Gale said LCHIP and the NH Charitable Fund would be more apt to award grants if we have money coming in on a regular basis, to build up to what we need. He said we need \$100,000.

Co-chair Cathy Allyn said she would see about getting the Committee scheduled.

Construction/Maintenance: Roof leaks – Co-chair Allyn said she spoke with TA Kinmond about removing the pine needles on the roof, and he said he would put in a work order at the highway department to have it done. Co-chair Gale said there are two leaks, and the one in the back right corner has resulted in water coming on to the wainscoting. He said he took pictures last year.

Catwalks – Co-chair Gale said we need to construct a better catwalk system, so everyone can move around the attic to view the state of the frame. He said he thought we could box up some planks to serve. He said the area needs at least three strings of work lights, also.

Members indicated the cost of the work lights should come from a Town account, perhaps the Town buildings improvement. Co-chair Allyn said she would ask TA Kinmond.

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Clean-up – Clayton Randall reported that Jon Mouradian is willing to give/loan us two picnic tables after June 1, 2019. The clean-up is scheduled for May 18 from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Co-chair Allyn will put it in the newspaper. People should bring their own clippers, rakes, water, and bug spray. Bob said the park should have carry in and carry out signage, if there are no trash cans or someone to remove garbage. Co-chair Allyn said she could check with TA Kinmond about having either a trash bin or proper signage at the park.

Outreach/Events: New Durham Day – Co-chair Allyn said she'd spoken with a farm about having goats in the pound. Clayton said Paula Gehl could use his trailer to transport her goats to the Meetinghouse. Co-chair Allyn said she would have company that day and would be unable to lead tours at an Open House. She will check on the availability of volunteers.

Miscellaneous: Committee Charge/BOS Desire for Term Limits – Co-chair Gale said the Committee at its inception was task oriented, and its goal was to finish the project and thereby end the Committee. He said LCHIP had been adamant that membership was expertise based and task oriented.

Bob said the Committee needed clarification, since on the Town website the BOS had apparently not revised its policy on committees regarding exempting four committees from term limits. He suggested checking with the BOS when we meet with them. Co-chair Gale pointed out that the Restoration Committee's charge would have to be changed, to set term limits.

Approval of Minutes: **Motion by Bob Bickford to approve the minutes of April 24, 2019, as amended; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried, 3 in favor and 1 abstention.**

Adjournment: **Motion by Cathy Allyn at 8:33 p.m. to adjourn; second by Bob Bickford. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn