

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING

June 26, 2019 7:00 p.m.  
New Durham Public Library

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

*Call to Order:* Co-chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

*Approval of Minutes:* **Motion by Bob Bickford to approve the minutes of May 22, 2019, as written; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried unanimously.**

*Updates:*

Meeting with BOS on May 28 – Bob and Cathy attended a meeting with the Board to discuss how to come up with a warrant article the Board could recommend. Bob said the Board suggested the Committee meet with the CIP. Board members indicated there was only so much money available.

Cathy said she and Bob offered avenues for a steady source of income to the CRF; the Board requested the Committee return in July.

Roof – Clayton said he went to the Fire Department and spoke with Dave Stuart about possibly doing a training to remove the pine needles, but he had not heard back. He reported that a contractor has looked at the roof and noted no indication of wet boards on the roof, but did say the pine needles need to be removed. The contractor recommended putting shingles over existing shingles, and will provide an estimate. The Committee has discussed this in the past and has indicated putting shingles on a roof that is to be replaced would not be the best use of Town funds.

Clayton said the area along the eaves by the pine needle dam is wet. He suggested tarring the area after removing the moss and pine needles.

Program for Fourth Grade – Cathy said the program at the Meetinghouse for fourth graders went very well. She ran a mock Town Meeting and church service with the students. A volunteer provided several objects from the 1800s for the kids to see, which was a nice touch. Students were able to also visit the Stone Pound, Early Settlers' graveyard, and the vernal pool.

Picnic Tables – Clayton said the tables are not yet in place, but are expected to be soon.

Entry Sign Replaced – Clayton said a volunteer replaced the entry sign and it looks fantastic.

Recommendations to CIP Committee – The Committee discussed the funding proposal, now that the Committee’s request has not been met for the past two years. Bob suggested sticking to the original proposal regarding amounts (\$50,000 in 2020 and in 2021 per year) and extend the timeline. The Committee agreed.

That would put \$150,000 in the CRF, so the Committee could apply to LCHIP in 2021 or 2022; work could be done in 2022 or 2023, probably missing the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building, but still getting the work completed.

Bob said there would be nothing left to restore if the Town continues to delay completing the project, and it would be a waste, after the money that has been put into it. He said he was able to attend the CIP meeting with Cathy.

***Adjournment: Motion by Bob Bickford at 7:32 p.m. to adjourn; second by Robin Bickford. The motion carried unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,  
*Cathy L. Allyn*