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Draft 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee minutes Sept. 19, 2022

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Sept. 19, 2022 6:00 p.m..

New Durham 1772 Meetinghouse New Durham, NH

Members attending: Robert Bickford, Heather Freeman, Jon Mouradian, Ellen Phillips, and Clayton Randall

Members attending remotely: Robin Bickford

Others attending: Greg Anthes, David Bickford, TA Nicole Zoltko, Cathy Allyn, Linda Callaway
Town Moderator

Note: Immediately prior to the meeting, Town Moderator Linda Callaway swore in Robert Bickford, and Clayton Randall

Call to Order: Acting Chairperson Robert Bickford called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m.

Public Input: Greg Anthes indicated an interest in helping the project financially if Ms. . Allyn did not serve on the Committee.

David Bickford said he stands by his input at the Sept.15th BOS meeting that Cathy Allyn shouldn't be appointed.

Updates:

Decisions of the BOS at the Sept. 15, 2022 meeting – Members indicated they were upset that the Board did not re-appoint Cathy Allyn to the Committee based on comments from people who wished to remain anonymous. TA Nicole Zoltko said negative comments had come in. Heather Freeman said it was troubling that any negative comments had not been forwarded to the committee.. Robert Bickford said he was unaware that favorable comments should have been sent in to the Select Board, or he would have done so. Ellen Phillips read a letter of support of Ms. Allyn from a resident and past member of the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee. Jon Mouradian said each Committee member brought individual skills to the project, and that Ms. Allyn did 90% of the work, and tasks that other members could not do.

Every member voiced their support for Cathy Allyn and the work she has done for the Meetinghouse.

Robert Bickford brought up the fact that this BOS, as well as previous boards, had a history of obstructing the work of the Meetinghouse Committee. He used one example of the Committee asking the Board to become a Certified Local Government. Mr Mouradian agreed, using the example of the granite stone fundraiser,

Ms. Phillips recounted other instances of volunteers wishing to serve the Town who were not appointed to committees because they weren't personally liked by a member of a previous select board and that this should not happen to dedicated volunteers who are asking to be reappointed.

Members indicated they planned to resign. Ms. Allyn asked them to remember why they had joined the Committee in the first place, and not act too quickly. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Freeman asked about the proper process to resign from the Committee and TA Zoltko supplied the explanation. Jon Mouradian handed in a letter of resignation. Mr. Bickford and Clayton Randall asked TA Zoltko for their signed Oaths of Office back.

The point was made that the event on Sunday would be canceled, and other duties such as writing the budget narrative, filling in the budget spreadsheet, and presenting the CIP report to the CIP committee would be affected, as there was no longer a Committee. Ms. Phillips said she was not resigning in order to be able to speak for the committee and Nrs Allyn,

The meeting broke up with no formal adjournment, as members were too upset to remember to do it!

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Phillips