

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE MEETING

January 9, 2024 4:00 p.m. Community Room New Durham, NH

Members Present: Ellen Phillips, Cathy Allyn, Clayton Randall

Members Present Remotely: Robert Bickford, Robin Bickford

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Ellen Phillips called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Cathy Allyn to approve the minutes of October 10, 2023, as written; second by Robin Bickford. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn – aye; Robert Bickford – aye; Robin Bickford – aye; Phillips – aye; Clayton Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Energy Charrette Update: Mr. Bickford reported on the meeting he attended held Jan. 8, 2024. He said a report with significant adjustments to determine how much energy the building will be forthcoming. Major points were that cellulose insulation will be blown into the wall cavity, sheet foam would be installed on the exterior to make the building air tight, insulation would be under the floor and in the attic, mechanical ventilation would be in the form of a heat exchanger in the attic, and we would go with heat pumps with solar energy.

Mr. Bickford said he would ask the Board of Selectmen about the need for air conditioning. The MRC needs to determine what the Town is paying per kilowatt hour.

Mr. Bickford noted the Committee needed to meet with the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible to determine the necessary Requests for Proposals, as we would need to publish them as soon as funding comes through. Chair Phillips said she would get the Committee on the BOS agenda in February to discuss the bidding process.

4. Financial Report: Chair Phillips said several expenditures have not yet been deducted, so the reported \$28,905.12 amount in the Expendable Charitable Trust is higher than the actual amount. She said she would be meeting with the Finance Department soon.

Motion by Ms. Allyn to accept the Financial Report, as presented; second by Mr. Bickford. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn – aye; Robert Bickford – aye; Robin Bickford – aye; Phillips – aye; Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Planning for Spring Events: The Committee discussed that the building may be unavailable in the spring. Ms. Allyn outlined an event to be held in the Meetinghouse called A Sense of History that incorporated history and the physical senses. Chair Phillips said she'd spoken with an individual regarding Native American plantings and recipes.

Mr. Bickford suggested requesting use of a neighboring property if we are unable to use the building, and to ask for donations to cover renting a tent.

The Committee decided on Sunday, May 19 from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for the Spring Fling. The event will include historical planting, schooling, and outdoor games. Chair Phillips will determine the price of a tent, Ms. Allyn will check on the availability of neighboring properties and determine the price of a musician, and Mr. Randall will check on having a food truck. The Committee will solicit donations for the tent and musician.

6. RFPs- Mr. Bickford said he would attend the upcoming BOS meeting remotely, as the Committee requires a decision. Ms. Allyn is to check with the Division of Historic Resources regarding the suitability of the proposed addition and handicap accessibility.

7. Schedule Next Meeting: The Committee agreed on Wednesday, January 24, 2024; time to be determined.

8. Adjournment: **Motion at 5:31 p.m. by Mr. Randall to adjourn; second by Chair Phillips. A roll call vote was taken: Allyn – aye; Robert Bickford – aye; Robin Bickford – aye; Phillips – aye; Randall – aye. The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy L. Allyn