

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Jan. 12, 2022 6:00 p.m.

New Durham Community Room Main St. New Durham, NH

Members attending: Cathy Allyn, Ellen Phillips, Jon Mouradian, and Clayton Randall
Members attending remotely: Robert Bickford, Robin Bickford

Absent: (excused) Heather Freeman

Others attending: Cathy Orlowicz, Crissa Evans

Call to Order: Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jon Mouradian to approve the minutes of December 12, 2021, as written; second by Robin Bickford. The motion carried: Allyn-aye, Robin Bickford-aye, Robert Bickford-abstain, Mouradian-aye, Ellen Phillips-aye, Clayton Randall-aye.

Updates:

Financial Report: Ms. Phillips provided the Committee with a written report of finances through January 12, 2022. Members were thrilled with the amounts that have come in and Ms. Phillips said she would determine if any checks went directly to Town Hall. Checks - \$5,375, Cash donations - \$130, Note card sales - \$191, Clothing shed - \$1,380.61

Meetinghouse Merry Meeting – Dec. Christmas at the Meetinghouse

Ms. Allyn reported the performances and caroling went well, and the feedback from attendees was extremely positive. The Committee noted Mark D-Entremont's musical contribution.

NHPA survey:

The three separate surveys are now complete and preservation consultant Meghan Gross is working on the final report. She said preliminary results are overwhelmingly positive.

New Durham Year:

The Committee firmed up dates: a school function in March; participation in the Historical Society's program of April 14, 2022; beer tasting with the Muddy Road Brewery and food trucks on Saturday, June 4 from 1-4; art show/wine tasting with local or NH wines on July 23 from 1-4; installing a local history walk; a trivia contest on Sunday, September 18 from 1-3. Ms. Phillips will pursue permission regarding use of alcohol.

Gmail account:

Ms. Allyn said she added 17 addresses to the mailing list from people who took the survey and wanted to be included.

Granite Cobblestone Reflection Area:

LCHIP has approved the project so the Committee can move forward with selling the stones.

LCHIP Monitoring Report:

Ms. Allyn said she submitted the completed report on time and LCHIP acknowledged receipt.

Thermometer:

Mr. Mouradian reported that the banner should be finished today, and he will install it when it arrives.

Moving Forward –

BOS:

Ms. Allyn will request an appointment with the BOS to discuss a Certified Local Government, establish the need for the Feasibility/Reuse Study, and to receive an answer regarding a means to collect funds electronically. Ms. Allyn said she would provide the Board with information to ensure that providing an answer would be possible.

Regarding use of a Square account, Mr. Bickford said the Town would have to set up a dedicated account linked to a bank account for the Committee. Mr. Mouradian suggested taking the Town out of the loop, if Town Hall lacked adequate resources. Mr. Bickford spoke of his personal experience with a Square account. He said receipts are sent out and there is a tally of transactions at the end of the day, making record keeping easy. Mr. Mouradian and Mr. Bickford are to speak to the Board on this issue.

Fundraising:

Cobblestones – Mr. Bickford said he will help with the installation of the stones, drawing on his background as a landscape instructor. Mr. Mouradian said he is working with an artist regarding shapes and design. He foresaw selling the stones throughout 2022 and breaking ground on the project in the spring of 2023.

Mr. Bickford said this is a perfect example of why the Committee needs to accept electronic funds. Mr. Mouradian said he would see about having a prototype made to display at events. Ms. Allyn and Mr. Mouradian are to meet to determine a campaign strategy and have all of the ducks aligned by March.

Brochures:

Ms. Allyn said she would work on brochures.

Any Other Business:

Drawings for addition:

It was the consensus of the Committee to obtain drawings for the addition, which would be beyond the scope of the Feasibility/Reuse Study as the parameters now stand.

Thank you notes:

Ms. Phillips told the Committee she was sending notecards with the thank you notes.

Cost estimates:

Mr. Mouradian said he believed a personal visit to the company was unnecessary.

Adjournment:

**Motion by Clayton Randall at 7:07 p.m. to adjourn; second by Jon Mouradian.
The motion carried unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Allyn