

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

July 28, 2021 7:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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Members attending: Cathy Allyn (at New Durham Public Library), Bob Bickford (from home), Robin Bickford (from home), Heather Freeman (from home), Jon Mouradian, (from home), and Clayton Randall (from the Mouradian residence)

Others attending: Brandee Laughlin

Call to Order: Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Appointment: Discussion with Brandee Laughlin, state coordinator of National Parks Service Historical Preservation Grants, regarding setting up a Certified Local Government program. Because her program receives only 10 percent (based on several metrics) of \$600,000, she said projects within the current 25 CLG communities are funded based on priorities: 1.) a listing in the National Register of Historic Buildings, (indistinguishable), education (workshops, etc.); 2.) planning for a bricks and mortar project, assessment reports; 3.) bricks and mortar projects.

The key requirement is to be a locally regulated historic district.

Ms. Laughlin said the geographic boundaries of the district are determined by the Town. The Meetinghouse would have to have design regulations under an adopted ordinance with guidelines, such as, "All windows must be replaced in-kind." She said the HSR would help tailor the guidelines and Amy Dixon would be a resource, also. She told the committee, "You have what you need."

The next step would be for Ms. Laughlin to meet with the Board of Selectmen.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jon Mouradian to approve the minutes of July 14, 2021, as written; second by Bob Bickford. Clayton Randall abstained. The motion carried.

Updates:

New Hampshire Preservation Alliance Conditions Assessment Report: Ms. Allyn has sent out feelers to the firm the NHPA recommended for a feasibility study.

Hole in Roof: Mr. Randall reported there are two holes in the roof now; he has placed containers under them to prevent profound water damage. Mr. Bickford said the tarps are to be delivered tomorrow. He ordered two 14 ml 30x50 tarps; one for each side. Ms. Allyn said she had contacted Town Hall regarding the issue.

Moving Forward:

New Durham Day: Members working on displays.

Select Board - maintenance: The Committee is anxious to meet with the Board regarding maintenance issues and the Certified Local Government.

Any Other Business:

Alton Rotary Art Competition: Ms. Allyn suggested purchasing one of the Rotary's wooden palettes to have visitors to the Open House paint the Meetinghouse on it. The palettes will be displayed in Alton. She said it would be good publicity. Mr. Bickford said the Committee had budgeted for advertising; the Committee agreed to spend \$25 for the project.

Adjournment:

Motion by Mr. Mouradian at 7:56 to adjourn; second by Mr. Bickford. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn