

1772 MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
MEETING

Oct. 19, 2021 6:00 p.m.

1772 Meetinghouse 207 Old Bay Rd. New Durham, NH

Members attending: Cathy Allyn, Robert Bickford, Robin Bickford, Heather Freeman (on speaker phone), Jon Mouradian, and Clayton Randall

Others attending: Ellen Phillips, Stefanie King, George Gale (Ms. Phillips was officially appointed to the Committee on Oct. 12, 2021 by the Board of Selectmen, but her Oath of Office was not yet available at Town Hall, so she, therefore, did not participate as a member.)

Call to Order: Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Motion by Jon Mouradian to approve the minutes of September 8, 2021, as amended; second by Robin Bickford. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Robin Bickford to approve the minutes of October 13, 2021, as written; second by Jon Mouradian. The motion carried.

Update:

Information for Budget Presentation –

Ellen Phillips reviewed the packet she will provide the Budget Committee at her presentation on Oct. 20, 2021. The information included: the Committee is on track to earn well over \$1,000 from the Clothing Shed just from May 2021; we have received \$200 in donations in the last few weeks; we are in the process of having notecards made to sell; there are four events planned before the end of the year; plans have been put in place for a major fundraiser in 2022; so far this year there have been more than 400 in-kind volunteer hours; our newsletter will be sent out at the end of the month; a fundraiser will be held jointly with the Boodey Farmstead at New Durham Day 2022; a support group is being formed; a 501(c)(3) is being organized; and a meeting with the BOS regarding a Certified Local Government has been requested.

Bob Bickford went over the repairs/replacement display with Ms. Phillips.

Moving Forward:

Creation of Non-Profit – Vote on Board of Directors of the 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Guild and Approve By-Laws

Motion by Cathy Allyn to appoint Jon Mouradian as President of the Board of Directors; second by Robin Bickford. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Clayton Randall to appoint Bob Bickford as Vice-President of the Board of Directors; second by Jon Mouradian. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Jon Mouradian to appoint Cathy Allyn as Recording Secretary of the Board of Directors; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried unanimously.

Heather Freeman was called away and left the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Motion by Jon Mouradian to appoint Ellen Phillips as Treasurer of the Board of Directors; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bob Bickford to amend Article 5, Section 2 of the by-laws to allow for five (5) Directors on the Board, rather than four (4); second by Robin Bickford. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Bob Bickford to approve the by-laws of the 1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Guild, as amended; second by Clayton Randall. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Phillips said next the group needed Articles of Incorporation.

Any Other Business:

Halloween – Chair Allyn said she'd spoken with Parks and Recreation Director Celeste Chasse. Members discussed the roles they could serve in during the Friday and Saturday events. Stefanie King said she would provide the Information and Donation Request hand-out.

Meetinghouse Merry Meeting, October 23, 2021 – Chair Allyn said she would pick up the display items on Friday and set them out. She and Ms. Phillips will be at the Meetinghouse around noon on Saturday.

New Hampshire Preservation Alliance - Chair Allyn said she will meet with James Perkins, preservation consultant, next week. She has spoken with him and he is willing to submit a proposal for the Feasibility/Reuse Study grant application.

Newsletter – Ms. King provided a draft of the newsletter; members offered suggestions.

Facebook page – Chair Allyn said she would create the Committee's page, per the meeting of May 12, 2021.

Schedule Next Meeting – The next meeting will be held Wednesday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. As it is now too cold to continue meeting in the Meetinghouse, Chair Allyn

said she would reserve another location. Chair Allyn will be out of town on November 10, so Ms. Phillips said she would take the minutes.

Adjournment:

Motion by Bob Bickford at 8:05 p.m. to adjourn; second by Jon Mouradian. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn