

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
Meeting Minutes for August 16, 2023
Approved September 13, 2023

Members present: Chair Ellen Phillips, Clayton Randall, Sue Randall, Cathy Allyn, Bob and Robin Bickford (via Zoom), Marc DeCoff (BOS liason)

Public present: George Gale

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Ellen Phillips at 5:13 pm.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to accept minutes of July 19, 2023 as revised. (C. Allyn/B. Bickford). Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.

Financial Report

Monies received thus far in August are \$212.66. Deposits made to ETF account for July and thus far in August totals \$378.57. The total for CRF as of this date is \$116,597.51. Expenses paid from our budget this month were \$342.29 for newsletters and \$289.87 for postage.

The invoice for \$1,000 for stone inscriptions has not been approved by the BOS yet.

New Business

porta-potty for Meetinghouse Park

- who should pay for it, Rec. or MH budget?
 - each group pay for any event they hold?
- planning events in advance would be helpful
- it was noted that the story walk also uses the grounds (library)
- suggestion: each group pay 1/3 of the cost
 - some members did not support this idea
- Ellen will bring to BOS and/or budget committee for input

Motion: Chair Ellen Phillips will present a request to the BOS and Budget committee to provide a porta-potty on the Meetinghouse Park grounds from spring to fall through the Parks and Recreation budget. (C. Allyn/E. Phillips) Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.

Christmas ornaments

- Ellen: outstanding loans against last year's ornament should be paid
 - 2023 ornament is now in the works

Motion: To reimburse Sue Randall and Dot Veisel \$158.04 each for money advanced for the 2022 Christmas ornament, with payment to come from the charitable checking account. Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.

- Proposed 2023 ornament
 - drone picture by J. Gisis on porcelain ornament
 - permission from J. Gisis is still needed
 - limited edition – 20 pieces
 - cost: \$7.99 each
 - selling price: \$15 each
 - suggestion: take pre-orders at the Neighborhood Picnic and Apple Bake-Off

Motion: I move that we proceed with pre-orders for limited edition Meetinghouse ornaments, with authority from the photographer. (E. Phillips/C. Allyn) Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.

Old Business

Neighborhood Picnic – August 26, 2023 noon - 2pm

- Ellen is out of town on this date.
- BBQ truck
- Muddy Road root beer
- music – will be live or PA system
 - Cathy will check with Jon Mouradian
 - Ellen will check with Rich Leonard
- trail walks
- self-guided tours of New Durham points of interest
 - Ellen will ask Cathy Orlowicz for the map used for school tours
- at 11:30 am - David Allyn, Clayton, Marc(??) - put tables out
- tablecloths - Ellen
- encourage people to bring chairs of some type
- Ellen
 - tablecloths and hooks
 - provide someone to open gift shop during picnic

- David and March
 - set up tables
- Jon Mouradian
 - will need Sue's phone for Pandora
- Clayton
 - mow field
 - handle parking
- Cathy
 - advertising
 - Facebook and New Durham News
 - John Gisis will sell photo prints, give us \$10 for each
 - needs further discussion before committing to gift shop
 - contact Cathy Orlowicz for map with historic points around ND Corners
 - send Sue information for a poster

Meeting with Jonathan Halle, WarrenStreet Coop

Bob reviewed highlights of the meeting.

- WarrenStreet will not participate if the BOS insist on using the RBF process
 - QBS is their preference
- a project manager would be responsible for acquiring bids, etc.
 - they would work for the BOS
- alternative funding is available thru a block grant
 - \$500,000 - \$750,000
 - provide them with an outline of our application by the end of August for feedback
- survey of the 6.9 acre lot is needed
 - include building, pound, cemetery, vernal pool
- we need National Registry approval through the Park Service

250th Heritage plaques

- there were no gold donors
- have one silver donor plaque for 10 donors
 - 9x12 inches with 12 plates (approx. \$110 + \$7 per plate)

Motion: To spend up to \$225 for a 250th anniversary silver donor plaque, to be paid out of the checking/ETF account. (C. Allyn/B. Bickford) Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.

Apple Bake-Off

Sue presented a menu of suggestions for implementing the bake-off. Final choices are:

- 2 classes – adults and kids (13 and under)
- any recipe whose ingredients are mainly apples
- 1st and 2nd place awarded in each class
- winners determined by vote of the public
- cost to vote: \$10 per adult – children may sample parents portion and advise them how to vote.

- Additional fundraising
 - wine pull
 - Are we allowed to have alcohol on Town property?
 - Sue will contact Chief Bernier and investigate further

Commemorative stone inscription for volunteers

- up to 18 characters per line
- 3 lines
- Suggestion:
In honor of all
past Meetinghouse
volunteers

Motion: To purchase a commemorative stone*, to be paid for by the Meetinghouse Restoration Committee from the Charitable Checking account, with the inscription “In honor of all past Meetinghouse volunteers.

This was then amended (B. Bickford/C. Allyn) to add “**at a cost of \$200* Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-abstained. Motion approved.**

It was noted that an invoice for this stone would need to be completed and sent to the BOS for approval. Cathy Allyn will provide this to the Town Administrator and BOS.

Other Business

Gift Shop

Ellen needs a volunteer to run the Gift Shop (10-1) the day of the Neighborhood Picnic.
Future gift shop dates: 7/29, 8/12, 8/26

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:55 pm. (C. Randall/C. Allyn). Roll call of vote: E. Phillips-yes, C. Allyn-yes, S. Randall-yes, C. Randall-yes, B. Bickford-yes, R. Bickford-yes. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Randall, Secretary

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 @ the Meetinghouse

Rolling list of action

ELLEN

tablecloths for picnic

present a request to the BOS and Budget committee to provide a porta-potty on the Meetinghouse Park grounds from spring to fall through the Parks and Recreation budget.

CATHY

check with Jon Mouradian about PA/music

advertising for picnic

information to Sue for poster

provide invoice for volunteer stone to TA and BOS

SUE

research wine pull

continue work on Apple Bake-Off

BOB

contact Highway Dept. about helping set stones

CLAYTON

put tables out for picnic

MARC

put tables out for picnic??