

MRC draft minutes 4/10/24

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Meeting

April 10, 2024

Community Room, New Durham, NH

Members present: Ellen Phillips, Clayton Randall, Bob Bickford

Members Meeting Remotely: Robin Bickford

Excused: Cathy Allyn

Guests present: Rudy Rosiello

- 1) Call to Order
Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.
- 2) Approval of Minutes from 3/20/2024: Motion to approve by Clayton Randall to accept minutes as written. Second by Ellen Phillips. A roll call vote was taken: Robin Bickford; Aye, Bob Bickford; Aye, Clayton Randal; Aye, Ellen Phillips; Aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- 3) Approval of Treasurer Report: Report given by Ellen Phillips, Treasurer. Received \$116.07 from clothing shed. Trust total \$29,831.86. CRF total \$119,331.60. Ellen requests funds to pay for the mailbox at the post office to be taken out of the postage budget. Motion to approve funds for mailbox being taken from postage budget made by Clayton Randall, Second by Ellen Phillips. A roll call vote was taken...Bob Bickford; Aye, Clayton Randal; Aye, Ellen Phillips; Aye, Robin Bickford; Aye. Motion passed unanimously. Roll call vote taken to approve Treasurer Report...Bob Bickford; Aye, Robin Bickford; Aye, Ellen Phillips; Aye, Clayton Randall; Aye. Treasurer Report accepted unanimously.
- 4) Port-a-potty-request made by Ellen Phillips to discuss having a port-a-potty at the Meetinghouse from May through September. The cost would be \$130 per month. Ellen to call the port-a-potty company to make arrangements and she will notify the New Durham Town Office to bill us. Motion to Approve keeping and paying for a port-a-potty at the Meetinghouse made by Ellen Phillips, 2nd by Bob Bickford. Roll Call vote....Robin Bickford; Aye, Bob Bickford; Aye, Clayton Randall; Aye, Ellen Phillips; Aye. Motion passed unanimously.
- 5) Discussion having "Action Items" added to our minutes. Secretary to add "Action Items" to the minutes from now on.
- 6) Grants: per note from Cathy...the grant money she applied for may not arrive in time for the Spring Fling. Bob reached out to Warren Street and LCHIP regarding the cost of having a new assessment done. Ellen has been searching on-line for grants to help pay for a new assessment.
- 7) Roof Repair: discussed roof repair. To request an estimate from JR Grayton of Northfield. We would like to interview him as a group. Clayton to get hold of him.

- 8) Spring Fling: Profile Bank sent a form to Ellen to fill out to request funds of \$300 to help pay for costs of Spring Fling. Johnsons to give us a discount on ice cream. Ellen got the event form signed. Clayton to talk to the Police Chief about needing an officer to direct traffic. Ellen to talk to Cathy about talking to Celeste regarding how much room will be needed for the games area and if we will need John's field. Ellen's daughter to manage the gift shop during the event. Still no food truck but Cathy may have found a baker to come and sell her goodies.

Update from Cathy:

Games - Celeste is willing to run the games from 11:30 - 1:00. Farmington will help her. I'm meeting with her after I get home to discuss specifics. We'll need to figure out exactly where things will be held (I think we were assuming the games would be in Jon's field). The Abenaki games don't take up space. I've asked her if she can put the info on the Rec sign, if it's available.

Grant - we won't know if they are giving us \$275 for a while yet

Fish and Game - I contacted them about having a table/demo there - he said they were really understaffed, so someone would have to do it on their day off. I said they could come for just an hour. He had to check with his boss first and thought he'd have an answer for me this week. I haven't heard from him yet.

Food Truck - I texted the truck again - no reply; I called the pizza truck Muddy Road suggested and said we had no budget to pay for his set up and that we expected to have about 200 people, but he didn't call back. So we'd better try something else. Maybe the truck at the Winter Carnival. I know someone who does baked goods and I asked her if she'd like to sell some stuff. She is willing to do it.

Fishing Store - I've emailed them twice about having a table/fishing demo - I thought it would fit in nicely with our theme and give them some publicity, but I haven't heard from them.

Assistance - Our helper was going to check with her husband; I haven't heard back and they are out of town right now. The other person never responded.

I have written up most of the response thing, if we decide we do want to pursue it.

Motion made by Ellen Phillips to use \$100 from our "events line" if needed for a food truck. Roll Call Vote: Bob Bickford; Aye, Robin Bickford; Aye, Ellen Phillips; Aye, Clayton Randall; Aye. Motion passed unanimously.

- 9) Planning: Discussed having a public forum in June to ask the community members what they want to see done with the Meetinghouse and how it should be used. Possible dates: 6/26 or 6/27 with possible locations being the school or community room.
- 10) Membership: Discussed the need to increase the number of people on the committee. Bob to reach out to some contractors to see if they would be interested. Discussed having "Associate " members who would not have to come to every meeting.

- 11) Gift Shop: Ellen proposed making our gift shop out of one of the front rooms of the Meetinghouse. We would need to clean out one of those rooms. Revisit after the benches are gone.
- 12) Stones: We currently have 5 stones sold. Discussed the need to advertise the stones again on line and/or in the newsletter.
- 13) Newsletter: Cathy has been working on a new newsletter that would be out before the June meeting with the community. Also discussed having an article in the news paper that would include information about the community meeting, the stones and the shingles.
- 14) Next meeting scheduled for April 24, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m.
- 15) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn made by Robin Bickford, 2nd by Clayton Randall. Roll call vote: Ellen Phillips; Aye, Clayton Randall; Aye, Robin Bickford; Aye, Bob Bickford; Aye. Vote was unanimous. Adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Robin Bickford, Committee member