

## Deep River Town Hall Auditorium Restoration Committee

Special Meeting Held on February 2, 2012 at the Deep River Town Hall

In attendance: Art Thompson, Ken Wood, Richard Nagot, Kim Olson, Bruce Edgerton, Dennis Schultz, Sally Carlson-Crowell, Janice Kmetz. Also in attendance were Keith Nolin, Fire Marshall and Linalynn Schmeltzer

Meeting called to order at 2:01 p. m.

The following is from Keith Nolin:

The following list is answers to the three questions presented by the Restoration Committee as well as additional list of code sections which pertain to the third floor assembly area in the Town Hall.

1. If enough of the building and fire code issues pending, have been corrected and a written plan for the balance of items had been submitted and approved.
2. Window coverings will need to be Flame Retardant and labeled as such.
3. The Proscenium curtain must be certified that it is constructed to specification.

The following code sections are taken from the Life Safety Codes:

12.7.8.3 –Post Occupancy Load. I will need the number of seats on the main floor. As of now the balcony will be closed.

7.5.1.3.3-Existing buildings with sprinklers.-2 exits separated not less than  $\frac{1}{3}$ <sup>rd</sup> maximum diagonal of room.

7.1.3.2.1 Existing stair enclosures- 1 hour fire rated.

Note: taken from 2003 international Existing Building Code.

1003.7 **One-Hour fire resistant assemblies.** Where 1-hour fire resistance rated construction is required by these provisions, it need not be provided, regardless of construction or occupancy. Where the existing wall and ceiling finish is wood or metal lath and plaster (**this is the Building Officials call**).

Main Entrance/Exit must handle  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the total load of egress.

Proscenium Curtain:

13.4.5.7.3 The curtain shall be automatic closing without the use of applied power.

13.4.5.7.4 The curtain shall be in the closed position, except during performances, rehearsals, or similar activities.

Examples of door width verses the amount of people that may exit through them:

Door 36" wide will handle 180 persons

A stair 48" wide will handle 160 persons

13.7.6.3 An Audible announcement shall be made, or projected image shall be shown, prior to the start of each program that notifies occupants of the location of the exits to be used in case of fire or other emergency.

13.7.8.1.1 Seats in assembly occupancies accommodating more that 200 persons shall be securely fastened to the floor.

Kevin did a walk around and pointed out some items that should be corrected.

Fire Marshall Report should be posted.

Questions were made about whether we should hire an architect or do most of things ourselves.

Bruce and Dennis met at the Chester Meeting House and reported back.

Dennis went up to the attic and believes the roof structure is strong enough to hold a chandelier. We would need to look into installing a unit to lift and lower the chandelier for changing light bulbs.

It appears we may not need to go to probate. Clause in document says funds to be signed over to the Town of Deep River or State of CT. Jane Marsh called Karen Gano (Assistant Attorney General) who did not realize the clause was in the document. Karen to look further into it.

Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p. m.

Next annual meeting to be held on February 9, 2012 at 2 p. m. at the Deep River Town Hall.