

Minutes of Meeting
Town Hall Preservation Committee
October 6, 2010

Present: Russ Pelletier, Dave Ross, Kathie Northrup. Joanne McHugh was there for start of meeting but left shortly thereafter.

Excused: Dan Pike. Absent: Jim Walter, Nancy Van Scoy (council rep). Also absent B. Stadtmiller (town intern) and Jim Sullivan (HHS rep).

Meeting began at 6:35 p.m. at the Hooksett Public Library.

Joanne discovered that we may not have a room reserved for our meetings. Kathie will contact the library and book a room for the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, thru December 2010.

Discussed membership, commitment to the work of the committee. Kathie suggested that minutes of our meetings should be prepared so that interested parties may know our progress. She also suggested we apply the council procedure--if any member has 3 unexcused absences, his/her lack of attendance will be reported to the council.

Distributed and reviewed the results of the surveys completed at Old Home Day. A total of 86 were returned. Overall the results were quite positive. Kathie will contact the person who indicated an interest in volunteering. Although he is not a candidate for appointment as he cannot make the meeting on the first Wednesday, he will be invited to attend whatever meetings he can as a volunteer. Discussed the definitions of the words used, i.e., restore, preserve. Kathie will send to members the definitions as contained in The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties. She will also forward a copy of the survey results to those members absent or excused from the meeting.

Reviewed draft plans that Russ had prepared for rental/use of the 1937 addition. Prevailing average rental rate is \$12 per sq ft (per year) per Dave. The addition has 1240 sq ft (\$14,880). Russ will draft an alternative with other options.

Dave advised that a new alarm system had been installed in the building.

Kathie asked that the deed issue be on next meeting's agenda. The chair declared the issue tabled.

There had been a gentleman (other than Mr. Green) who offered financial assistance in the restoration of the main hall with certain conditions. Kathie will get his contact info. He will be invited to a future meeting to discuss his proposal.

Kathie offered to prepare a summary of RSA 35-B which John Turbyne had suggested exploring at an earlier meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Kathleen Northrup
Ex Officio Member