

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Minutes

June 11, 2012

New Durham Public Library

Members Present: Cathy Allyn, Bob Craycraft (Ann Kelley excused)

Others Present: George Gale

1. Call to Order – Chair Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
2. Minutes – The Committee discussed the re-created minutes that were submitted, and the fact that the Board of Selectmen continues to fixate on the issue of who has a key to the building. The Committee voiced fears that the 1772 Meetinghouse will once again be shut off to the public.
3. 250th Celebration – Cathy will man the 1772 Meetinghouse from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. George will then take over until 2:00 p.m. Cathy will notify Kellie Chase that the Meetinghouse will stay open beyond noon, which was the original plan. George will work on some sort of signage to indicate the building is open, above and beyond what the 250th Committee is planning.

Ann and Cathy will man the informational booth at the ball fields beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bob will float, as he is there for Planning Board and Conservation Commission. Cathy will also float some, as she is also there for the Library and Conservation Commission.

George will make up a petition for the booth, for people who want the Meetinghouse completed (Phase II of the HSR done, restoration completed, and the building usable by the public) in time for the building's 250th anniversary, in 10 years. Since matching grants are feasible and the total amount needed is approximately \$300,000, then the Town needs to raise \$150,000 over 10 years. That would be \$15,000 a year.

The Committee discussed proposing the creation of a new CRF – a double or nothing fund for a matching grant with a 10-year limit on it. If the Meetinghouse is not done by then, the monies in the CRF go back to the General Fund.

Ann's sign will be at the booth, along with the petition, an email and phone number sign-in list so the Committee can contact people for help when we clear the lot in the fall, and an information sheet that people can take home. The sheet will outline the restoration game plan. Cathy will make the info sheet and sign-in list. George will send her bullet points regarding leveling and frost proofing the building. He will divide Phase II into smaller projects, and follow-up with Aron Sturgis.

4. License Plate Grant – The Committee agreed it's a great idea, but no one has time to deal with it until August. Cathy will email Amy Dixon and tell her we're interested, but explain the situation.

5. Budget Committee, CIP, and BOS Tours of Meetinghouse – TA Webb sent out emails to these groups offering tours. Cathy indicated Chris LaPierre responded. She will check with TA Webb to see if others responded only to her. George is willing to meet people there, and will do so at the time of the individual's choosing. Cathy will send his email and cell phone number to TA Webb to disperse.

George reported that Selectman Kratovil has not responded to him about touring the Meetinghouse, and George cannot contact him as his phone number is not listed on the Town website, and his email address is listed as Selectman Bickford's. Cathy said that Selectman Bickford stated at the latest BOS meeting that he had been to the Meetinghouse before.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Bob at 7:50 p.m. to adjourn; second by Cathy. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Allyn