

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Meeting  
January 14, 2013  
NDLibrary 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cathy Allyn, Ann Kelley, Bob Craycraft, Kathy King

Others Present: George Gale, Mark Foynes

**Call to Order** – Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes – Motion by Kathy King to accept the minutes of November 16, 2012, as written; second by Ann Kelley. Allyn-aye, Kelley-aye, King-aye. Bob Craycraft abstained. The motion carried.**

**Capital Reserve Fund** – Cathy said she'd written up a packet regarding the committee's request for a \$10,000 contribution in the Meetinghouse CRF for the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee. The request indicated \$27,000 currently in the CRF, a \$10,000 contribution, and \$3,000 to be fund raised to meet the estimated \$52,000+ cost of the foundation and stabilization work.

She said the BOS budgeted \$5,000 and that she presented to the Budget Committee. She said she sent a request to the BOS to reconsider, since the \$10,000 figure was not arbitrary. Cathy asked the committee members to email the Town Administrator to pass along their support of the amount to the Budget Committee.

Kathy King mentioned that there are other preservationists out there who do good work. George Gale said Arron Sturgis' crew is excellent, and that Arron is a member of the Timber Framers' Guild, so that is part of the Guild's piece in the Meetinghouse roof work.

**LCHIP Grant** – Cathy provided the background of monies designated for LCHIP being diverted to the state's General Fund. She asked members to write the three representatives to support returning those funds. She said the grant amounts would increase if that were done. She said Bob Perry was the only one of the three who had a public e-mail address.

George offered to find out the committee chairs who would wield the most weight on the matter, and to get those addresses to the committee.

**Survey** – Mark Foynes said he spoke with Andy Hall of the Survey Center at UNH, who counseled that a survey at this point would be premature and, therefore, have no value. He suggested some awareness raising to combat a term known as “non-attitude.”

Mark relayed that Andy's proposed strategy was to conduct broad community outreach to achieve community buy-in and actively solicit the ideas of key stakeholders. Mark said diverse ideas needed to be included.

Cathy pointed out that the committee has spent the last several years

raising awareness of the Meetinghouse through many events. Kathy indicated she had a booklet of an historical route for interested people to follow, which is something the Meetinghouse could be included in.

The committee discussed what groups to ask and came up with the Selectmen, the Budget Committee, and Historical Society. Then having a function for interested parties on-site was brought up. Mark suggested informal conversations with people first, and then hold a broad community event.

Ann said she like Kathy's idea of an art display. She said students could draw the Meetinghouse and display the work around town. Kathy suggested using old-time materials to do the drawings. Cathy said she would check with the school about doing something along those lines.

Ann said she would make a display board for Town Hall.

The committee came up with several people to speak to regarding future use of the Meetinghouse and will let Cathy know the outcome by Monday, January 21 so she can compile their thoughts.

**Sunday Bingo Rotation** – Cathy said she'd spoken with Rec Director Kellie Chase about the Meetinghouse being in the concession rotation as a fundraiser. The committee came to the conclusion that it might be better to have an actual fundraising arm, rather than having members take on additional duties.

**Adjournment – Motion by Ann at 8:40 p.m. to adjourn; second by Kathy. 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Allyn