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1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee Meeting
March 6, 2013
New Durham Public Library
7:00 pm

Members present: Cathy Allyn, Kathy King, Bob Craycraft (entered at 7:20 p.m.)

(Patty Tollner excused)

Others present: Mark Foynes

Call to Order

Chair Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Kathy King to approve the minutes of January 14, 2013, as written; second by Cathy. 2-0.

Resignation

Cathy said she received Ann Kelley's resignation this morning. Ann is too busy at work to devote the necessary time. Cathy said she would contact Ann about writing an official letter of resignation that would need to go before the Board of Selectmen. Everyone present expressed their dismay.

Town Meeting – Everyone present indicated they would attend Town Meeting.

Bingo Fundraiser – Bob Craycraft and Mark said they would be able to sell food at Bingo on March 17 if that was the day Kellie Chase said the Meetinghouse had. Cathy said the Brownies would help sell food as part of earning a badge, but that the 17th wasn't the best day for them. Kellie indicated on Tuesday that she would email Cathy what day she had scheduled the Meetinghouse. Cathy said several other people told her they would help.

NH Charitable Foundation Grant – Mark said he was getting started on the application process for an outright grant of \$5,000 for planning. Cathy said George Gale said he would work on the foundation work bid specifications when he returned to town at the end of the month.

LCHIP – Cathy said the governor's budget calls for LCHIP money going back to LCHIP – she recommended everyone send her an email thanking her for her support. The House Finance Committee is holding a public hearing on the budget on March 18, but no committee member could commit to attending. Kathy said she would write a short letter indicating support of that aspect of the governor's budget that can be forwarded to friends of the committee and those on the email supporter list, asking that they sign the letter and send it back to Cathy. Cathy will print them, or compile them to be sent as one email, and get them to the meeting on the 18th. She will contact LCHIP to see if someone is going to that meeting who could take the letters. Cathy will also forward all of the emails to the three representatives.

Cathy said she would ask Patty to chase down Sam Cataldo's email address.

Any Other Business – Kathy King is to attend the NH Preservation Alliance conference in Plymouth.

Cathy indicated that responses concerning the casual survey varied regarding completing

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the Meetinghouse as an operational building or merely a repaired one. Ron Gehl opted for keeping it seasonal, due to the amount of money that would be needed to add a bathroom and kitchen. Robert Bickford and Recreation Director Kellie Chase were in favor of completing Phase 3, so it could be used as a meeting place. Ms. Chase said a meeting place was necessary in town. She said she could schedule events and meetings, etc. there all of the time.

Kathy and Mark mentioned the Remick Farm Museum in Tamworth as being a success story and worthy of emulation. Kathy said there are events there all of the time, and that she would talk to someone associated with it.

Cathy reported that she led a tour and mock Town Meeting with the local Brownie troop and that it was extremely well received.

Cathy said the highway department did a marvelous job of clearing the adjacent field and area around the Meetinghouse. She said George bought the crew coffee. She suggested getting Meetinghouse stationery to have on hand when writing groups and individuals. Mark said he would take care of a draft.

Adjournment Motion by Kathy at 7:56 p.m. to adjourn; second by Bob. 3-0.

Respectfully submitted, Cathy L. Allyn