

Draft Meetinghouse Minutes June 10, 2013

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
Meeting
June 10, 2013
New Durham Public Library
6:30 pm

Members present: Cathy Allyn, Patty Tollner, Kathy King, Bob Craycraft
Others present: Consultant George Gale

Call to Order

Chair Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Bob Craycraft to approve the minutes of March 6, 2013; second by Kathy King. Allyn – aye, Craycraft – aye, King – aye, Patty Tollner – abstain.

The Committee tabled the minutes of April 24, 2013, as George Gale had some edits, but did not have the specifics with him.

Event Discussion

Patty suggested school children research a person from the town's past and write up a story in the form of A Day in the Life of. She said the children could bind the books and it would be the history of the town retold by the current children. The committee agreed it was an excellent idea. Patty said she would coordinate it.

Cathy said she would like to do a Cemetery Tour of the Meetinghouse cemetery with fictitious characters portraying the deceased. She said there could be costumed people inside the Meetinghouse, also. Kathy said she would play a character. Cathy suggested early October, for a link with Halloween, and if the book project was done in September, the books could be displayed in the Meetinghouse.

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Cathy said the Board wanted to discuss the committee's charter, and that she would read through the charge and address points within it. George said it was necessary to have a committee of people who know what they're doing, especially to keep us competitive regarding securing grants. He said the make-up of the committee was part of the LCHIP deal made several years ago and it has been working fine. He said there was nothing wrong with accepting helpers, but we needed a core group to be the actual committee.

Patty said we're not restricting membership, but the make-up of the committee is a result of a lesson learned from LCHIP.

Kathy pointed out that people can learn, too.

Cathy said there were two philosophies – bring workers on to the committee, or

consider them part of the Friends of the Meetinghouse. The idea of sub-committees was brought up.

George said the committee needed to be an apolitical skill-based one.

RFP – Regarding the Board’s earlier discussion of who would write the RFP, George pointed out that the Town’s policy indicates department heads or committee chairpersons perform those duties. The committee discussed that George would write the specs and that he has been in discussion with LCHIP regarding that since January.

Internships

Kathy said she was interested in starting an internship program for us. The committee agreed that was a wonderful idea.

Board of Selectmen

The committee moved to Town Hall to meet with the BOS at 7:00 p.m.

Due to time constraints, it was agreed that Cathy write up a report concerning the charter. The committee indicated experts advised the make-up of the committee. When asked what the committee needed from the Board, Cathy answered, “Support,” and the Board agreed to write a letter of support to funding agencies, if needed. The committee indicated that approximately \$3,000 was still needed for the foundation work. Fundraisers and donations will hopefully provide the funds. The committee left the Board’s meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Kathy at 7:45 p.m. to adjourn; second by Patty. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy L. Allyn