

Approved 1772 Meetinghouse Minutes July 8, 2013

Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
Minutes

July 8, 2013 New Durham Public Library 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cathy Allyn, Patty Tollner, Bob Craycraft (Kathy King, excused)

Others Present: George Gale

1. Call to Order – Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Patty Tollner to accept the minutes of April 24, 2013, as amended; second by Cathy. Cathy – aye, Patty – aye, Bob Craycraft – abstain. The motion carried.
The committee tabled the minutes of June 10, 2013.

3. Updates

Display board – Cathy is to check with TA Jeremy Bourgeois about where the board can be displayed in Town Hall. The location will probably determine the size. Patty suggested advertising events on it. George Gale said there should be one section with non-changing pictures and the fact that grants will double our money. Another section could advertise events. He suggested putting actual currency on the board to emphasize that grants double our money.

Patty said townspeople started this project and the committee wants everyone included. She added that we will work toward achieving this goal as outlined by suggestions from LCHIP, as well as following practices common to non-profit boards, i.e, vetting, etc. Patty said that sub-committee work is a valuable and necessary contribution to all non-profit entities in realizing the assigned goal, and could operate here in the same manner. The committee agreed.

Cathy will let Patty know the location and size of the board. George will put together the pictures and cash. Patty said she could laminate it.

Patty suggested notecards, possibly using a picture of the historic plaque on Route 11. George is to check on printing costs for the board.

Seven to Save Questions – The committee discussed the answers to the three questions posed by Maggie Stier to help focus activity. Why restore it? Because it is priceless, preservation is progress, and it helped shape New Durham. To what end? Restore it with a separate bathroom and kitchen to expand use. The committee agreed there was no need to determine the cost of the extra facilities at this point. What is the impact you want to achieve? To reinstate the building as the cultural/civic center of the community and to take advantage of the tremendous educational opportunity it affords.

Historic Curator Program – Cathy is to ask Kathy King to research this.

Feasibility Re-use Study Grant – The committee agreed to put this off, as it knows how it wants to use the building.

Set Timetable for Completing the Plan – George is to work on this.

Reports to Other Bodies – The committee agreed to distribute approved minutes of meetings to the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and Recreation Commission. Cathy will also work on eventually issuing separate reports. George said he would help.

New Hampshire Charitable Foundation Grant – Cathy said she would send a reminder email to Mark Foynes regarding progress on the \$5,000 grant. George expressed a desire to speak with the NHCF as a group. Patty said she had contact with the foundation and would call them.

Remick Farm – The committee will ask Kathy about this.

Timber Framers' Guild – George said that Director Joel McCarty is absent and there is now an interim director. George is to call the interim director to touch base.

Open House – The committee decided to host an Open House on New Durham Day, Saturday, July 27, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Everyone agreed to help staff it and to try to secure demonstrations to draw attention to the event. Cathy will contact spinners and someone who may be able to present a land clearing demonstration with oxen.

Report to BOS – Cathy said she submitted the report on the committee's charge to the BOS.

Internship Program – Cathy said she spoke with Kathy, who indicated she was willing to start an internship program.

Documentary – Cathy said she has not started work on the documentary as the power cord is missing on the camera. She said the Meetinghouse figures prominently in *We Are Here*, the movie produced by the library last year, which will be for sale on New Durham Day.

Specs for Project – George said he has been too busy with work to start on the specs. He said he would ask Steve Bedard to petition out his estimate of (the committee's) phase II in the Historic Structure Report.

Summaries – George suggested reports/updates on communication and outreach, fundraising, planning, and events per meeting.

Vintage Village Project – Patty said she would write up the hand out outlining the project, and Cathy said she would distribute it at the summer reading program. Cathy said the library would work with the Meetinghouse on this project.

Cemetery Tour – Cathy said she would work on it.

Cemetery Trustees – Cathy said she would contact Denis Martin about money for the paupers' cemetery.

Newsletter – George suggested a newsletter be mailed to all citizens. Patty suggested posting Meetinghouse information on the Town website. The committee agreed that the small updates that would go to the BOS, Budget Committee, and Rec Commission could be posted there. George suggested asking for money for three mailings during the next budget season.

Wine Tasting Event – Patty suggested a wine tasting event for the summer. Cathy is to check to see if that would be possible.

4. Any Other Business

Cathy told the committee that her time for the committee will become limited, as she is involved with a major project in New York state.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Patty at 8:28 p.m. to adjourn; second by Bob. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Allyn