

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Minutes

June 10, 2015 NDPL 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Cathy Allyn, chair, Bob Craycraft, Patty Tollner

Others Present: Selectman David Bickford

Call to Order: Chairperson Cathy Allyn called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: Patty Tollner moved to approve the minutes of May 14, 2015, as written; Bob Craycraft seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Results of RFP: Cathy reported that she was present at the opening of the bid on the revised RFP, directed by the selectmen, that included only the stabilization, leveling, and foundation repair, on June 8, 2015. The single bid was from Arron Sturgis and was approximately \$4,000 higher than his 2012 quote.

Committee Recommendation to Board of Selectmen: Motion by Patty to accept the bid for Phase 1 work, which includes stabilization, leveling and foundation repair, and to recommend to the Board of Selectmen that they release the funds in order to start work; second by Bob. The motion carried unanimously.

Any Other Business: Cathy asked David Bickford if he would like to speak. He responded that generally reasoning would accompany a motion, and that a committee's purpose is to assist the Board.

Patty noted that there has been only one bidder throughout the entire process.

David said the committee could elaborate on the reasons why the funds should be released. Patty responded that, in fairness, did the Board not know why. She stated the committee needed the funds to start the restoration work, so the reason is to physically start the process.

She said committee members had donated hours and hours of their time to the project. She explained that she had spent 10 hours at an LCHIP workshop to help arrive at the point the committee is now, and

there is frustration because the committee was guided to this point and then the work has not happened.

David said there are no other quotes to compare costs. Patty replied that everybody had a chance to bid. She asked if David thought the funds would ever be released and the building restored. He replied in the affirmative. Patty said it seemed unfair to make the committee go through so much when the result all along is that only one person bid.

David asked for documentation that Arron said in April that he would honor his 2012 quote, and Cathy said she could provide that. He said he had two concerns: that Arron had increased his bid with no explanation, and that, after speaking with Steve Bedard who recommended a cement and rebar foundation, the RFP designated a rubble trench.

Town Administrator Jeremy Bourgeois is to contact Arron on those two points to have responses for the Board meeting on June 15, 2015. Patty asked if the funds would be released if the answers were satisfactory. Cathy said the Board could make a motion at that time to do so.

Patty told David she felt better that he wanted the project done. She said it was a good, positive thing for the town and people have worked hard in good faith, with Yankee spirit, just as the people who erected it. She said the Board should be aware of the time given to this project.

David brought up the subject of making quorums and acquiring resignations. The committee agreed that some tightening up was necessary, but that it was difficult as Patty was often out of town, which is why she telephoned in, and members were trying their best to get things accomplished. Cathy said Ann Kelley and Kathy King had not been active members for years. Ann sent in an official resignation immediately following the Board meeting where membership was brought up. Kathy had left the committee previously due to medical reasons, and due to her difficulty accessing her computer, Cathy had notified TA Bourgeois of Kathy's need to resign. It had been her understanding that the situation had been followed up on.

Adjournment: Motion by Bob at 8:01 p.m. to adjourn; second by Patty. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cathy Allyn