

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2016

7:00 PM

New Durham Library

Present: Cathy Allyn, George Gale, Clayton Randall, Janis Anthes, Bob Craycraft

Excused: Kathleen King

Residents: Sue Randall, Gregory Anthes

Call to order

Cathy Allyn called to order the regular meeting at 7:06 PM on June 8, 2016 at the Library. She announced that Patty Tollner had resigned from the Committee.

- I. Approval of minutes from May 19, 2016** –George Gale brought up that the meeting should have been described as a Board of Selectmen meeting because all three Selectmen were in attendance. Therefore, the meeting was in violation of RSA 91-A because the meeting had not been posted as a Board of Selectmen meeting. Since all three Selectmen had stated that they were attending as residents and did not know that the other Selectmen were going to attend the meeting, it was agreed to add these points to the meeting minutes.

Clayton Randall moved to approve the minutes with the additions as discussed, seconded by George Gale. Motion passed 5-0.

II. Status of Action Items

- **Fundraisers –**
 - **Display table at the May 28th Community Sale for the ND Charitable Fund** – no report.
 - **Selling Concessions at Bingo** – no report.
 - **Yoga** – no report.
 - **Barbershop Group Concert** – no report.

- **Historical Contacts –**
 - **Preservation Program at Plymouth State University** – no report.
 - **State of NH Register of Historical Places** – no report.

III. Preservation Plan Review

- **Assessment Grant -**
- **Contact Steve Bedard** – Cathy reported that Scott Kinmond had sent an email to Steve Bedard listing several potential meeting times for the Board and the Committee to meet with Steve.
 - Cathy reported that she had sent an email to Arron Sturgis telling him that we were planning to apply for a NHPA assessment grant and wondered if he would be interested in doing the preservation plan for us. His secretary was gone for a full week; Cathy’s email went to both Arron and her. But Arron did not respond to Cathy’s email or to Clayton’s phone message, even past the time when his secretary returned.
 - Cathy reported that she called Steve Bedard and he stated that he would complete the preservation plan like it is required to be done by LCHIP. The plan would be based on what he could see and if he could not see some things, then he would note “to be determined”. He stated that he would be very conservative in predicting costs so that the Committee would not have to go back to the residents for more money to complete the project. He will be conservative in what he sees and LCHIP approves of how he writes these plans. He could complete that plan by July.

George Gale stated that Arron Sturgis had gone through the building and little if anything is hidden. Mr. Sturgis had written a very detailed plan. He stated that he had a long conversation with Maggie Stier today and she was very clear that the NH Preservation Alliance requires the cost estimates.

Clayton stated that he also had spoken with Steve Bedard and Steve said that he was going to work with Steve Fifield. Clayton told him that the Committee wanted a detailed plan.

Cathy stated that Steve Bedard brought up Steve Fifield and his holding on to go out to bid.

George Gale stated that Steve Bedard’s cost projections would not be too definite. He thinks the vast majority of the project can be completed for \$100,000.

Clayton stated that the beams need to be done by a timber framer.

Cathy stated that Maggie had recommended that Steve Bedard go ahead and do the preservation plan.

George stated that Steve Bedard has a history for not giving detailed cost estimates in the HSR. If his doing it at no cost is an impediment, then pay him.

Cathy stated that Steve was offering to do the plan at no cost because there had been no movement on the project.

George stated that Steve Bedard may need to contract for the items that he cannot do. George stated again that NHPA wants details. Then we could take the plan to LCHIP and the State. George stated that if it is completed through NHPA and that we pay Steve to complete it, then it would be done up to their standards.

George stated that he had talked with Steve Fifield about the tie beams after the meeting at the Meetinghouse and Steve had not thought of that.

Cathy stated that there is \$100,000 and parts of the project could be completed.

George stated that he believes that the plan needs to be done through NHPA and LCHIP grants because it would lend credibility to the project.

Clayton asked about the condition of the roof. George stated that the condition of the roof needs to be evaluated again.

George stated that he recommends that the foundation work be completed this summer and then do the detailed plan for the framework and present it at the next Town Meeting.

George Gale made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to go ahead with the foundation work this summer by doing a revised request for proposal without the Timber Framers Guild involved and to send it out for bid. Seconded by Clayton Randall. Motion passed, 5-0.

George Gale made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to pursue the NH Preservation Alliance assessment grant with Steve Bedard as the contractor to address the need for a detailed preservation plan including the costs and to determine his fee. Seconded by Bob Craycraft. Motion passed, 5-0.

Action Items:

1. George to call Steve Bedard to discuss our plan and to get a price from him so that we can take it to the Board of Selectmen.

2. Janis to write up the two motions and send them to Scott Kinmond, Town Administrator, to put them on the agenda for the Board of Selectmen meeting on Monday, June 8, 2016.

IV. New Business – none.

V. Adjournment

Bob Craycraft made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Clayton Randall. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Janis Anthes