

1772 Meetinghouse Restoration Committee
Site Visit with Steve Bedard
July 18, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Members Present: Chairperson Cathy Allyn, George Gale, Clayton Randall

Others Present: Steve Bedard, Town Administrator Scott Kinmond, Director of Public Works Mike Gingris, Selectman Greg Anthes, Selectman David Bickford

The meeting was the first step in Steve Bedard's offer to perform a preservation plan, just as those he writes up for LCHIP, for free for the Town.

Initial focus of the site visit rested on the foundation work. Following discussion, it was agreed to pin the foundation to the ledge and pour (with rebar added) where it is not possible to pin. At an earlier gathering, Mr. Bedard indicated he saw no problem regarding possible loss of the LCHIP grant by not using a rubble trench foundation, which was stipulated in the application.

Selectman Greg Anthes said he wanted to see the building secured by foundation work, stabilization and weatherproofing.

A difference of opinion surfaced between Mr. Bedard and George Gale regarding replacing the braces to alleviate the sag. Mr. Gale referred to the original scope of work, which would have corrected the problem. Mr. Bedard said some sag would remain. He said replacing the braces would violate the Secretary of the Interior's Standards, and that part of the building's story was that residents removed the braces when they cut down the building in 1838.

The amount of money available for the project was brought up several times, especially concerning the use of asphalt shingles on the roof, rather than wood.

Regarding prospective contractors, Mr. Bedard stated it would not be possible to have an RFP, as there were so few people available who could do the work. Later on in the discussion, TA Scott Kinmond said the Town could send out an RFQ.

TA Kinmond summarized the site visit by saying Mr. Bedard would update the HSR with recommendations, and that TA Kinmond would identify individuals for the RFQ. He said a group, members to be decided upon later, would select the contractor. He suggested having Director of Public Works Mike Gingris be involved as a sort of outside person.

Respectfully submitted,
Cathy Allyn