

# TOWN OF WASHINGTON

## SELECTMEN'S MEETINGHOUSE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES MAY 25, 2010

### 1.0 ASSEMBLY

1.1 Meeting called to order at 6:43 P.M. by Rich Cook.

1.2 Chairmen: Rich Cook

1.3 Members Present: Phil Barker, Bill Cole, Jim Crandall, Arline France, Gwen Gaskell, Sandy Robinson, Carolyn Russell, Jim Russell, Jed Schwartz.

Members Excused: Lionel Chute, Anthony Costello, Allan Dube, Guy Eaton, Ronald Jager, Drew Queen.

Members Absent: Ken Eastman, Sandy Poole, Robert Wright

1.4 Minutes taken by: Carolyn Russell

### 2.0 MINUTES

Sandy Robinson motioned to approve the minutes of April 27, 2010. Jim Crandall seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

### 3.0 Old Business:

#### 3.1 Review the handout given at the last meeting

Each member was given a list of 5 questions to consider before the next meeting:

- *Should we raise the building for a foundation?* This question was answered in the affirmative at the 4/27 meeting. Members felt no further discussion was required. Other considerations for including a full foundation were the possibility of using the upper level which would require the foundation for an elevator or the possible later construction of a connector to the Old Schoolhouse.
- *Should we keep the Town Offices in Town Hall?* Arline France moved that we accept keeping Town Offices in town Hall; Sandy Robinson seconded the motion. All agreed. At this time it was concluded that it is too soon to predict actual location of offices within the building.
- *Should we provide access to the second floor?* Yes, unanimous. Many uses for town functions and possible outsider use, including income-producing events.
- *Do you have suggestions for fundraising?* A lively discussion followed. First of all, we considered the appropriateness of major fundraising at this stage of planning. It was felt that working on small items for Olde Home Days could begin to develop a list of potential donors for future efforts. Secondly, it was agreed that any fundraising at this time should not involve an outlay of funds by the town. It was also unanimously agreed that early fundraising should be based on when not if the preservation/rehabilitation would occur. At this time we can begin to develop a list of potential future donors. Ideas presented included:
  - "Wing" walls along a future connector from Town Hall to the rear parking lot that could provide spaces for engraved granite donor plaques and/or memorial donations, perhaps a Wall of Honor. Phil Barker and Bill Cole agreed to explore estimated costs for granite engraving.
  - Some activity that would allow children's contributions, possible art work that could be displayed in Town Hall. Also some activity that would engage children while parents tour Town Hall. Carolyn Russell will work on this and will try to involve teen assistants.
  - Create buttons to sell. Gwen Gaskell will check for available supplies and Jed Schwartz will create a design for the buttons.
  - Challenge Grants from individuals. Consider asking those who have already made pledges to allow those pledges to be used to solicit challenges and try to find others to make new pledges. Selectmen to consider and act upon.

- Hold a Silent Auction. Sandy Robinson and Jim Crandall will try to make contacts and organize possible donors.
- *Have you read The Sacred Deposit?* This was not discussed due to insufficient time.

**4.0 New Business:**

**4.1 Future Meetings:** Phil Barker moved that future meetings be scheduled for 7:00 P.M. Gwen Gaskell seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

**4.2** Gwen Gaskell suggested that committee members get a copy of projected timeline information submitted to LCHIP.

**4.3** Dr. James Garvin has been invited to speak at the next meeting of the Selectmen's Meetinghouse Advisory Committee.

**5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

**5.1** Phil Barker motioned to adjourn, Sandy Robinson seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53. Next meeting will be June 29 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully,

Carolyn Russell  
Secretary, Selectmen's Meetinghouse Advisory Committee