

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

February 20, 2019

The meeting came to order at 6:30 pm at the 1835 Town Hall building. Members present were Dave Gibbs, Ron Pichierri, Carl Corrinne, Christine McCarthy and Joann Drown. Bob Jones attended by phone.

Bob stated that the Committee needs to approve 2 invoices from Joe Booth, 47N 2nd St., New Bedford, MA. Invoice # 3398 for \$1,750.00 dated 1/31/19, and Invoice #3399 for \$500.00 also dated 1/31/19.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Joann, to pay above listed invoices to Joe Booth. The Committee voted unanimously to approve the motion.

Bob stated that the up-date on the sprinklers is that the system will be installed at a future date. Joe Booth gave Bob an estimate of \$12,000 for the design of the sprinkler system. Bob suggested that we do not ask for the money this year, since we have so much more to do to finish the building. We are not required to have sprinklers in order to use the building.

The Committee discussed painting 2 walls on the outside of the building this spring.

Bob stated that he has asked Joe Booth to attend our meeting in March, when Bob will be back in town.

Dave pointed out that the books are still in the hallway, and the ceiling in the selectmen's old room has not been restored. The Committee had thought Mr. Rutherford would do this work with his earmarked budget for the 1835 building.

The Committee discussed the uses of this building that the selectmen are discussing at their meeting tonight. Dave mentioned that 19 Carter St. in Berlin is a success story that could happen in the 1835 building.

Bob led a long discussion of the facts relating to connecting the septic system. Ron asked if the DPW would do some of the work in order to reduce the costs. Bob has an estimate from Cabco of \$120.00.

Old Business: Christine brought up for discussion - when we will be looking for money for the sprinkler system.

New Business: Christine mentioned that she is concerned with matching funds in the future. Bob said that we cannot go for more money in 2019, unless there is a special town meeting.

Christine made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the Recorder's report as submitted. The Committee voted 4 in favor and 1 abstain.

Our next meeting will be on March 20, 2019.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Dave, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder