

1835 Minutes Mar. 23, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. with Jack Chandler, Ron Pichierri and Carol Stewart-Grinkis attending with guests Dick Maki and Matt Matjakis. The lengthy minutes from February were postponed to be reviewed at the April meeting with all members attending and to allow the invited speaker to present his updates on acoustic panels.

Matt M, now representing his own business, Central Mass Productions displayed a sample of his 2'x4'x4" thick fabric sound panel for the Great Hall. A clip system for securing the tiles to the ceiling would be installed with fabric color of choice and panels sized to 4' x 6' for a more pleasing visual affect. Costs broken out for (30) ceiling panels estimated at \$20,000.00, (10) 2'x4' panels for walls at \$12,500.00 with (2) optional 3' x 6' panels for the stage. Contractor Scott Kneeland of Sterling was suggested to work the installation under Matt's direction. These panels and the layout design are to provide NRC, Noise Reduction Co-efficiency for best acoustical results and can be purchased and installed in separate areas outlined above so costs and testing can be monitored.

In requesting funds for this latest acoustical improvement area, the committee recommends including an earlier quote for window treatments from Smashing Windows and a new quote for speakers, mixers and controls for a sound and video system. Matt will coordinate that package for April meeting update.

Ron is in contact with vendors to learn costs and procedures for moving the Brick Building, behind the 1835, to open up the parking area, improve handicapped access and put the building to better use on town

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property. Dig Safe will be contacted to update Ron on status related to moving the structure. This issue along with the ADA Grant for Restroom expansion, structural repairs to the large columns on the front facade and some exterior painting are all slated for budget review by FinCom.

Updates on the clearance of easements to proceed with new Septic System tie-ins are still incomplete. Carl to recontact owners so Select Board has legal rights to secure bids, release previously allocated funding and schedule work.

Jack and Dick Maki looking for additional volunteer to join the board of Friends of 1835. Hoping to include Rec. director as integral component.

Jack reports that the Select Board is working on finalizing suggested rental fees for use of the 1835 and coordinating insurance rate policies comparable with other town buildings. Does an umbrella policy work to cover the town's liability and encourage reasonable rental business?

Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm.
Carol Stewart-Grinkis, scribe