

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

December 18, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 6 pm at the 1835 Town Hall building. Members present were Vern Gaw, Jo-Ann Cummings, Ron Pichierri, Bob Jones and Joann Drown. Phil Nash was not present.

Jo-Ann made a motion, seconded by Ron, to accept the recorder's report of November 20th as read. The motion passed 5-0.

The treasurer reported that the Maintenance account has \$4,550, Paint account \$5,060.11, Window Restoration account \$17,800, Design/Engineering account \$3,580.35, Masonry account 0, and Revolving account \$8,361.33, all as of 12/16/13. Bob made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Jo-Ann seconded the motion, which then passed 5-0.

The window restoration problem, of the windows probably not being tested for lead correctly, has not been resolved at this time.

Vern reported that the new rear door push button lock is working fine. Peter Martin, Licensed Electrician, of Townsend MA 01474 completed the work for \$300.

The committee had a short discussion about the 1835 Town Hall website.

Vern reported that he has an active possibility of someone who may be interested in becoming a member of this committee. He will report on this at our next meeting.

Vern mentioned that he and Ron will be repairing the clapboards on the south side of the building in the spring. Vern said they will taper the ends of each clapboard. After the repairs, the south side will be painted by the in-mates. Ron wrote a letter of request to Lieutenant Hines of the Sheriff's office some time ago.

Vern will contact North Star for repair of whatever is causing the large icicle to form on the corner of the building. Vern cannot see where the water is coming from that is causing the water to form the icicle.

There was also a discussion about repairing the lamps donated by Cindy Secord, which will eventually be installed on the porch.

Terry Ackerman requested a report on the various projects the committee is working on for the 1835 building. Vern has complied.

Vern discussed the re-roofing project that we hope to accomplish soon. This would be the time to repair the roof truss.

Dick Sheppard stated to Vern that the Veterans office needs a new carpet. Ron will get a quote for the price of commercial carpeting and regular household carpeting for the Veterans office, Judy's room, and the old Selectmen's room. He will also find out how much it will cost to repair the hole in the carpet in the old Selectmen's room. Vern thinks the carpets are at least 30 years old.

Joann made a motion, which was seconded by Ron, to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 pm. The motion passed 3-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder