

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

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The meeting opened at 7 p.m. at the 1835 Town Hall Building. Members present were Vern Gaw, Cindy Secord, Beth Stuerman, Ken Stidsen, Joann Drown, and Ron Pichierri..

There was a motion made by Vern, seconded by Cindy, to pay Wayne Grinkis \$188.00 for repair of four window sills, from the paint account. The committee voted yes unanimously.

There was a motion made by Ron, seconded by Cindy, to reimburse Vern \$215.06 for the lift that was used to install the new storm windows. The motion passed unanimously.

There was a final motion made by Vern, seconded by Ron, to pay the balance remaining for the new storm windows, to Modern Manufacturing, Brussels St., Worcester, Job #115265, in the amount of \$1,397.50, from the paint account. The committee passed the motion unanimously.

The meeting continued chaired by Cindy.

The recorder pro tem's report was read and unanimously accepted as amended on a motion made by Ken, seconded by Beth.

The treasurer reported that up until November 30, 2009, the amount in the Maintenance Account is \$4,629.48, the Paint account has \$11,167.21, and the Revolving Account has a balance of \$5,869.39. A motion to accept the treasurer's account as read was made by Joann, seconded by Ken. The motion passed unanimously.

Beth mentioned that the outside light by the back door was not working in November, but it is ok now.

Ron mentioned that the cellar windows need new frames built and set in mortar, so that we can purchase standard size windows that will fit properly. This needs to be done as soon as the snow piled up at the north side of the building melts.

Work on the stairway heater is in progress.

Three articles were written and submitted by Vern for the Annual Town Meeting in May 2010, and read as follows:

Article 1.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$5,000.00 to fund annual maintenance of the 1835 Town Hall, or take

any action in relation thereto. Said sum to be expended by the 1835 Town Hall Committee.

Article 2.

To see if the town will vote to establish a revolving fund as allowed by Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 of the General Laws as amended, to receive income and to pay expenses of the 1835 Town Hall and to be used for its upkeep, with the account to be under the control of the 1835 Town Hall Committee.

Article 3.

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate or Transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of \$70,000.00 for final design of accessibility improvements, restoration and renovation of the 1835 Town Hall for use as a community center. Said sum is to be expended by the 1835 Town Hall Committee.

All 3 articles are submitted by: 1835 Town Hall Committee.

Old Business:

Vern will report on installing new light bulbs on the 2nd floor, and he will also report on problems with the rear door.

New Business:

Beth reported that there is damage to the newly refurbished auditorium floor. Someone has dragged a table or chair across the floor and left deep scratches. Ken mentioned that Home Depot sells devices to put on chair and table legs to avoid this problem in the future.

Cindy reported that there is no prohibition to hanging a flag under the portico. Ron mentioned that he has a flag bracket, and Beth mentioned that there is a flag pole in the building. Beth suggested that we also hang a state flag and a town flag beside the American flag.

The next meeting will be March 17, 2010.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joann Drown, Recorder.