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Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

February 21, 2007

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. at the 1835 Town Hall building. Members present were Vern Gaw, Cindy Secord, Beth Stuerman, and Joann Drown.

The recorder's report of December 20, 2006 was read and accepted on a motion made by Vern, seconded by Cindy.

There was no treasurer's report.

Vern reported that the Eagle project, the complete cleaning of the cellar, has been accomplished. The Boy Scouts made shelves for the old records stored in the cellar. Vern said the project was a wonderful success.

Cindy reported that she cancelled the January 27th meeting since there would not be a quorum.

Vern mentioned that the new furnaces were not working correctly for a short time, but they are fine as of this date. Vern also said that he has started cleaning the hot water baseboards, and the baseboards in the large room have been finished.

Cindy expressed concern about the piles of snow that are once again pushed up against the building's foundation. Vern said that there has been extensive damage to the foundation, damaged bricks and cellar windows, due to this continuing snow pile storage year after year. Vern said that he will talk to the DPW again about this problem.

Vern reported that he has completed and mailed Round 13 of the Grant, but he had to mail the form without the proper signatures.

This committee needs to find out if the Town Hall building is on the National Register.

The committee then discussed the curtains that will be made for the windows of the building. Cindy thinks we should have thermal lined curtains, and Beth has ideas for a valance.

The committee members signed two warrants, one to pay O'Connell Fire Protection for fire extinguisher inspection, in the amount of \$15.00. The other warrant will reimburse Vern for \$14.00 mailing expenses.

Vern then introduced Mike Lavin, a Sterling artist and cabinet designer. Mr. Lavin presented plans to the committee to resurrect the model railroad displayed for many years at the Cinder Mill. He proposed the model will represent the railroad run from Fitchburg

to Worcester, with all the pieces done to scale, and with all the depots and many buildings passengers would have seen on their trips .He wants to construct a permanent display on the lower level of the 1835 Town Hall building. Mr. Lavin thinks this display would be an important attraction that would draw a lot of interest to our area. Members of the committee expressed enthusiasm for the project. This project would take up a great deal of space in the basement, and would be a working model.

Cindy mentioned that the committee would need to have the ceilings of the basement fixed and completely cleaned before the model could be installed. We would also have to make sure there is no dampness in the basement.

Vern mentioned that we need to hire an electrician soon to take care of the many electrical needs mentioned in previous reports.

Vern mentioned that ADT needs to re-program the phone lines in the building.

The committee will vote on an amount of money, probably \$3,000.00, to paint and re-glaze the windows in the building. Wayne Grinkis will do the work.

Our next meeting will be on March 21, 2007, at 7 p.m.

The committee adjourned at 9:10 p.m. on a motion made by Vern, seconded by Cindy.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder.