

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

March 21, 2007

At 7:00 p.m., before the meeting formally opened, the committee members viewed three different colors of curtains, each set up on a different window by Mrs. Sabourin, a Girl Scout leader. The colors were: federal blue, beige and a deep purple-red. The purpose of the demonstration was for the members to choose the most appropriate and attractive color for the building.

The meeting then opened at 7:22 p.m. at the 1835 Town Hall Building. Members present were Vern Gaw, Cindy Secord, Beth Stuerman, Ron Pichierri (Ron left early), and Joann Drown.

The recorder's report of February 21 was read and accepted unanimously on a motion made by Cindy, seconded by Beth.

The treasurer's report read that there is \$1,121.72 in the revolving account. The treasurer's report was unanimously accepted on a motion made by Beth, seconded by Cindy.

Vern mentioned that the \$5,000.00 voted each year at the annual Town Meeting for maintaining the building, cannot be rolled over.

Curtain discussion: Mrs. Sabourin mentioned that the cost for lined curtains would be excessive, and she would need to sew them herself. The committee members would prefer the curtains to be lined, and appreciated Mrs. Sabourin's offer. The members then voted to use the federal blue color, on a vote of 3 to 2. Mrs. Sabourin will proceed to purchase the curtains in the federal blue color, with federal blue tiebacks, with lining, for a total of 13 windows on the 1st floor. She also volunteered to make simple curtains for each of the bathrooms, perhaps in a plain muslin color. Mrs. Sabourin also suggested that Judy Janda be approached for a donation to help defray the cost of the curtains. Beth then made a motion, Joann seconded the motion, to have Mrs. Sabourin purchase 13 sets of curtains for \$858.00, in the federal blue color, and make curtains for the bathrooms. The members voted unanimously for the above stated motion.

Mrs. Sabourin suggested that the committee might want to apply to the Women's Club, and have the 1835 Town Hall Building be a part of the Christmas House Tour.

Vern mentioned that Mr. Van Hoof fixed a problem with a furnace relay.

Vern also mentioned that the town treasurer wants to put in only half of the \$53,500.00 needed to secure the grant. Vern's understanding is that the 75% of the amount needs to be voted at the annual town meeting.

Vern mentioned that there are eight sets of chairs (3 wooden chairs are a set) that are now being used in the Senior center in the Butterick Building. The chairs belong to the 1835 Town Hall Building 2nd floor auditorium, and Vern would like to retrieve them. Cindy will follow up on this item. Vern needs to fix at least 6 sets of chairs.

The committee then voted unanimously, on a motion made by Cindy, seconded by Joann, to authorize the amount of \$3,000 to pay Wayne Grinkis to re-glaze, repair and paint the windows in the building that are in the worst condition.

The committee also voted unanimously, on a motion made by Beth, seconded by Cindy, to authorize the amount of \$8,000 to pay Wayne Grinkis to scrape and paint the rear wall of the building.

Cindy mentioned that the committee needs to write a thank you note to the Boy Scouts for the great work they did cleaning the cellar. She mentioned that we also need to write an article of thank you and praise about the project, to be placed in the Landmark and the Meetinghouse News.

There followed a discussion about opening the building to the public on Memorial Day, before the parade.

Vern wants to place old law books that are stored in a closet in a bookcase that is in the old Selectmen's room.

Beth suggested that an article be placed in the newspapers to appeal to the citizens of Sterling for old pictures of the center of town. She will then frame the pictures and put them around the building.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at 7 p.m.

On a motion made by Vern and seconded by Joann, the committee voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder