

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

April 18, 2007

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

The recorder's report of March 21 was read and accepted on a motion made by Ron, seconded by Cindy, with two corrections.

The treasurer reported that the revolving account has a total of \$1,241.72. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion made by Vern, seconded by Cindy.

Vern reported that the town treasurer has not set up an account at Country Curtains, so the curtains have not been ordered as of this date.

Vern reported that due to the very heavy rain on April 16, he found 20" of water in the cellar, which affected both furnaces. Only one furnace responded to re-start, but Vern said both furnaces are operational now. The water buildup was due to problems in the catch basins in the parking lot next to the building. All items in the cellar were affected, including the voting booths, old records, and a bookcase recently stored in the this building that came from the municipal building. Committee members discussed the need to plan to eliminate water problems in the future. Vern will talk to Tom Loan about this problem, and he suggested that committee members attend a selectmen's meeting soon, so that they will be aware of our concerns.

The DPW will have their offices in this building from mid May until September.

The committee proceeded to discuss having an open house on Memorial Day at 9 a.m. Vern will enlarge photos of the building for display, we will clean the 2nd floor of the building, and Vern will talk to Mr. Lavin about displaying his train and depots. Cindy will try to retrieve our plan books, and Beth will talk to Judy Janda about a sidewalk sign, and Ron wants decaf coffee.

Vern wants to hang the large oil painting of Lord Sterling in the old Selectmen's room, and he also said the Massachusetts Council of Arts could help us pay for an appropriate cover to protect the painting.

Vern reported that the furnaces were inspected by the Fire Department. He also mentioned that he wants a usable phone available in the building, and he wants to find out how many unused phone lines come into the building.

Vern mentioned that Mr. Grinkis will paint the back wall of the building in 2 to 3 weeks.

Our next meeting will be May 16, 2007, at the 1835 Town Hall Building at 7 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder