

Minutes of the Old Town Hall Committee
March 15, 2004

Meeting opened at 7:30 p.m. Members present were Roland Nelson, Vern Gaw, Cynthia Secord, Joann Drown, Ron Pichierri.

There was no treasures report, as the treasurer was not present. Vern reported there was a balance of \$2,183.80 in the maintenance account for FY'04.

The minutes from the February 9, 2004 meeting were read, and corrected to read – there is only one phone line in the town hall, Roland Nelson was also present, Exterior trim on front left column will be repaired. A motion was made and accepted to accept the minutes as corrected.

A warrant was signed by members present to pay \$1,470.10 to George A. Barnard, of Worcester, MA, for repair of leaking roof.

Vern reported that he submitted 2 articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

1. \$5,000 for operating expenses for 2004 and painting the outside of the building.
2. \$5,000 for a line item which would appear in the Town operating budget each year.

The library has made no progress in removing any of the leftover items of furniture since our February meeting with the library director. Vern does not want to loose the cherry caned seat chairs, and the Old Town Hall should have 1st pick of the leftover furniture. The committee will have a walk through at the end of the meeting to view leftover items.

Recreation not sure relocate here? The building will be available April 1, and the old treasurer's office must be cleared, and holes in the wall patched. We need a commitment from Recreation soon.

Four committee members met with the selectmen on March 10. Part of the discussion resulted in the Selectmen voting to make our Committee permanent, with members sworn in to serve for 3 years. A letter from the Town Clerk will be sent to all present members, and those who respond will become official members.

The Fire Dept. will definitely be installed in the Town Hall while their building is renovated.

Selectmen object to the term Old Town Hall Committee; they suggested **Town Hall Committee**.

Selectmen agreed to line item of \$5,000. Vern will meet with Finance Committee.

Selectmen voted to install 2 phone lines and 1 jack.

Selectmen agreed to Recreation Dept. use the Town Hall.

Selectmen suggested an increase in the scope of Grant Funding.

Explanation: The Grant deadline of 2/27/04 was not met. The Committee has \$9,400 left from planning article of 2001. If that money can be used as matching funds, another full grant proposal may not need to be written.

Selectmen suggested painting Town Hall Building be a first priority.

Vern will phone library trustee John Dwyer, to discuss antique furnishings, holes in the wall of the town hall, cleaning out rooms with shelving still attached to the walls, removing the post in the main room, replacing ceiling tiles, etc.

We still need 2 phone lines and a jack. Tim will again be asked about lines.

The town hall needs to complete a sewer connection, by installing a pump from the building to the fire department parking lot. We need to find out:

1. Is there a pipe across Tom Loan's property?
2. Roland Nelson will talk to the Fire Dept. and Ground Control about progress.
3. Is the pipe still in the Fire Dept. plans.

The custodian needs paper products, a mop bucket, and a vacuum. It was moved and voted unanimously, to authorize Vern to spend \$150.00 to \$200.00 on needed items.

There was a discussion about renting space on the second floor. We need to find out about handicap laws, since there is no handicap access.

The next meeting to be held on April 12, 2004 at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann K. Drown.