

## **Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee**

**January , 20, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm at the 1835 Town Hall building. Members present were Bob Jones, Ron Pichierri, David Gibbs, Rob Barwise, and Joann Drown. Carl Corrinne, who will join the Committee soon, was present. Tom Rutherford was also present. Danielle Ray was absent.

The recorder's report was read and accepted as corrected on a motion made by Dave, seconded by Ron. The vote was 5-0.

There was no treasurer's report.

The committee discussed the 1835 Current Needs list with Tom Rutherford. Bob mentioned that we used to have a budget to take care of items such as cleaning and waxing the upstairs floor. Tom is concerned about potential liability issues, such as the fire escape on the 2nd floor. Dave pointed out that if this building truly is a Community Center, which it is, then shouldn't there be plans in place for the safety of the users?

Attention will be paid to #3 on the list, to provide overhead protection for both side exit doors. Dave suggested a Greek revival style overhang would be the best approach, but we need to check with Mass Historical to find out if that would be acceptable.

Dave suggested that the committee go through the 2005 and 2012 architectural plans to determine what has been done, and cross out completed items from the recommendation list, in order to move forward.

Other items on the list the committee discussed were installing security cameras, the heating system, lock needed on interior front door, and septic system, etc.

The next discussion was MPPF funding, and the March 23rd deadline to get our application submitted.

There was a short discussion about the formation of the Friends organization.

Dave read the titles of three reports into the record, and he stated that study of these reports would be worthwhile in deciding the best method of dealing with the roofing problems.

1. Interim Report, Horizontal tie replacement report prepared by Harvey and Tracey Associates of Worcester Ma. dated August 1987.

2. General Structural Assessment, Framed Floors, Existing Town Hall, Sterling MA report prepared by Harvey and Tracey Associates, August 29, 1997.

3. Historical Commission, Town Hall Committee, Library Building Committee report prepared by Mr Paul DeSalvo, dated February 2002.

Bob stated that Danielle will get back to him soon about the new position offered to her, Public Relations person. Also, we will need to vote a new Vice Chairman for the committee in February.

Bob stated that the First Church is sponsoring an art exhibit in this building in February. Bob will add this information to our Web page.

Old Business:

Carl will meet with the Selectmen on January 27, 2015.

New Business:

Our next meeting is with the Board of Health on February 17, 2015.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Rob, to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. The committee voted 5-0 in favor of this motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder