

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

**April 20, 2016**

The meeting opened at 6:32 pm at the 1835 Town Hall. Members present were Bob Jones, Dave Gibbs, Ron Picchierri, Carl Corrinne, Rob Barwise and Joann Drown.

Dave made a motion, seconded by Bob, to approve the minutes of March 16, 2016 as corrected. The Committee voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Anthony Hipolito of ACH Construction, has withdrawn from working on the columns, the roof or painting the front side of the building.

Bob explained that at the 2015 Town Meeting, the 1835 Revolving Account was removed from our control, along with the Maintenance Account. The Revolving Account is solely generated by the rental of rooms here, which generated money to be spent on improvements and repairs on this building. We question what happened to the Paint account, as that was voted to be used for this building at a Town Meeting. According to the Accountant, that money is still a line item. Dave reminded the Committee members that the Selectmen have given us assignments that go way over advisory. Grants, septic, etc. Bob also mentioned that we can do nothing about the bathrooms that need repainting, the doorknob that needs to be replaced, because when asked Tom replies that those items are way down on his list.

Bob suggested that this Committee use the Veteran's Office as the office of the 1835 Town Hall Committee, and the Historical Commission, with a kitchenette. A motion was made by Bob and seconded by Carl. The motion passed 5-1.

Ron suggested that we ask the selectmen what to do with veterans records.

The Committee then gave suggestions for the process of giving all the rooms in the building names instead of numbers.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Dave, to name Room 1 (the old selectmen's room) the Edwin Conant Room. The Committee voted 6-0 to accept the motion.

Dave made a motion, seconded by Ron, to name the large room on the 1st floor the Arthur P. Rugg room. The motion passed 6-0.

Joann made a motion, seconded by Dave, to name the main hallway the John Springer Hallway. The motion passed 6-0.

Rob made a motion, seconded by Bob, to name the current Veterans Office the Lady Marion Wilder room. The committee voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Dave made a motion, seconded by Ron, to name the Recreation office the C. Vernon Gaw room. The motion passed 6-0,

The room on the 2nd floor will continue to be called the Great Hall.

Bob reported that we have an issue with small maintenance items that Vern and Ron used to do as volunteers for cost.

Also, Dave advised that the Town is running afoul of the Historic By-Laws. The exterior of the building was changed, which is what is protected by the Dept. of the Interior. We need to advise that the plywood on the south side of the building, covering the lower windows, needs to stay in original condition. Glass.

Bob explained that he has a signed contract and a check to give to Chuck Budnick of Cabco Consulting Co., upon the completion of the septic system preliminary work.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Bob, that we advise the Selectmen that there is a need for a Work Order Request form and we would like to have them facilitate getting one for us. The Committee voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Use issues: It is the Committee's thoughts to not allow controversial displays, because once we say yes, we must allow all displays. Bob will write up guidelines for uses that take place in the building for future consideration.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Out next meeting will be May 18, 2016 at 6:30 pm

Dave made a motion, seconded by Ron, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder