

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

**September 21, 2016**

The meeting opened at the 1835 Town Hall building at 6:30 pm. Members present were Bob Jones, Rob Barwise, Ron Pichierri and Joann Drown. Dave Gibbs and Carl Corrinne were absent.

Rob made a motion, seconded by Bob, to accept the Recorder's report as submitted. The committee voted 4-0 in favor of the motion.

The Treasure's reported that the Paint Account has \$25,140.55, and the Revolving Account has \$1,084.85. Joann made a motion, seconded by Rob, to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. The motion passed 4-0.

Bob reported that Tom Regh will be at the 1835 building next week to open up the second bay and check the condition of rafters. The Committee decided to meet on October 5th to learn the results and devise a plan to fix the rafter or rafters, so that Tom Rutherford can proceed with his part of the project.

Bob briefed the Committee on the combined effort of the 1835 Town Hall Committee and the Historical Commission to write historical articles to be published in the Meetinghouse News each month, with the purpose of establishing awareness of Sterling's long and interesting history, and also to up-date people on the on-going efforts to keep this vital building safe and productive.

Bob reported that he and Dave have an appointment with Chuck Budnick of Cabco Consulting Co. to go over with him the fact that the Town ditch has always been owned by the Town. Hopefully the result of that meeting will be that Mr. Budnick will continue with phase 2 of the Septic project.

Bob reported that he has met with Paul Casco on Tuesday. Mr. Casco explained that he has not dropped the column project, he is doing research. Ron suggested John Roberge of Leominster could be the person we are looking for to fix the columns. Ron will ask Mr. Roberge if he is interested in this project. Ron also suggested that we contact Halstead - Flanagan Insurance of 219 Worcester Rd. Sterling, as they had the columns on their building scraped and painted, and perhaps we could find out who did the work.

**Old Business:** Joann brought up the need for new window boxes, so that we could get rid of the dead trees. No decision made.

**Bob** talked about the two paintings that were in the closet. They are now in the new office. The Historical Commission will pay for covers for the paintings, and the Commission will meet next week and decide where the paintings will be hung.

**Old Business:** The Committee discussed having a Halloween party at the 1835 building.

**New Business:** None

Our next meeting will be October 5, 2016 and our regular meeting will be October 26, 2016, both meetings to be at 6:30 pm.

**Ron** made a motion, seconded by **Bob**, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder