

1835 Minutes June 2, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 by chairman Car Corrinne. Present were Christine McCarthy, Carol Stewart-Grinkis and remotely, Jack Chandler. Guest Bob Maki also attended. There were no previous minutes available.

Returning vendor Laura Barone from Smashing Windows made an informative review of her original quote for window treatments with options for both floors to provide light, sound and insulation controls. After materials and colors were demonstrated, the storage area 2nd floor was eliminated and a few details updated. The selection of cloth roller shades for the lower floor spaces and Hunter Douglas Duettes, a honeycomb shade with room darkening feature for the Auditorium were confirmed by the members. There will be special "Vignettes" that pleat and stack up for the stage area. A revised quote will be sent via email shortly confirming final costs for product and installation. Terms are 50% down with product shipping 5 wks. to 2 months. A final measure will take place prior to ordering. Members supported the total costs running around \$16,000.00.

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Carl will present our proposal and costs quote for a whole building AC system of “mini splits” on the warrant at the Town Meeting June 14, 2021. With the building occupancy permits signed and the schedule for use in the works, the need for air conditioning for best use of all the newly updated spaces is paramount for success.

Plans to undertake the new Septic System proposal are due for final funding after the Town Meeting on June 14th when Carl meets with the Selectboard. The removal of the adjacent brick structure at the rear of the 1835 will also be discussed in order to proceed with the Septic Plan, paving and increased public parking.

Carol volunteered to contact Patrice regarding the final lighting upgrades planned for the first floor “back room”. The Light Department intends to provide and schedule new LED’s to complete the entire building upgrade. Carol also contacting Lorette Schur with the Historical Committee to alert her on the Pending Rules for using offices or space once the building is open to the public. All offices, rooms and areas will have new rates and registrations run by the new Recreation Director.

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The members spent the rest of the meeting discussing the new rates, rules and registration for public use of all spaces in the building. A 4 tiered system beginning with town groups, personnel and residents and ending with event level requests for out of town participants. A rates and rules schedule will be presented to the Selectboard in conjunction with the Recreation Director who will administer the final terms. Patrice will have control of the door entry system via a remote phone app. These key personnel will be invited to our next meeting to review the process.

Christine and Carol reported on the disappointing news that our Grant Request from the Mass Cultural Facilities was denied. We are waiting an update from the head to learn if any issues of the presentation package were amiss so that we can re-apply for the next funding in October. After a weary 2020 with so little community activity, we are hopeful that the members of the BOS, the Town Administrator and the Finance Committee will approve funding for some of these requests so that the 1835 will be ready this summer to become the Community Center we are all so eager to see revealed! Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote at 8:40pm.