

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

**March 15, 2017**

The meeting opened at 6:34 pm at the 1835 Town Hall building.

Members present were Bob Jones, Ron Pichierri, Rob Barwise, Dave Gibbs, Carl Corrinne and Joann Drown.

The Recorder's report was read and accepted as corrected on a motion made by Ron, seconded by Carl. The Committee voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

The Treasurer reported that no account figures have changed from last month.

Bob reported that he sent e-mails for eight proposals to contractors for painting the front of the building, including the columns, portico, front peak, etc. He has heard back from only one, Thiago's Painting, Inc., 25 Hunington Ave, Marlborough, MA. At our last meeting the Committee voted in favor of Robichaud Painting LLC of Westminster, MA. The Committee carefully checked out both proposals. Ron made a motion, seconded by Rob, to offer Robichaud the opportunity to complete his contract as submitted, at a cost of \$6,850.00. The Committee voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Town Meeting update:

Bob explained the ideas he had to get the word out about the need and importance of repair and re-roof of this building. The Committee is only allowed 120 seconds at Town meeting to make our case, so education of the Town's people before May 1 Town Meeting is essential. Carl suggested that we mention in Article x2 that the amount of \$298,000 will not increase taxes, and is fully funded.

Dave mentioned that we need to do everything we can to generate publicity supporting our warrant article in late March and all of April.

Bob asked the Committee for publicity ideas and wording for a banner.

Dave talked about contacting Mass Historical and Preservation Massachusetts, and linking the website of Preservation Massachusetts to our website. We need to make sure that they know that our Town Hall is endangered.

Next, the Committee discussed the Open House to be held at the 1835 Town Hall on April 17, 2017, from 6 pm to 8:30 pm.

Dave offered to take time and research for more information and pictures of the Town Hall. Bob suggested a musician, Ron suggested refreshments and balloons, Dave suggested having stations around the room, etc. Rob suggested articles in the newspapers advertising the Open House, and Dave suggested letting our Representatives know about the threat to the building. Dave suggested raffling off a framed picture of the building.

The Committee discussed the legality of selling this building, and if the deed conditions from Ebenezer Pope are still valid.

Old Business:

Tom Rutherford contacted Bob to discuss putting metal roofs over all doors to protect the doors against snow and ice. Dave stated that this roof idea needs to go before the Historical Commission, as installing the roofs will change the look of the outside of the building.

Dave talked about different materials for the 1835 building roof.

Our next meeting will be on March 29, 2017, at 6:30 pm.

Dave made a motion, seconded by Rob, to adjourn the meeting. The Committee voted 5-0 to adjourn at 8:32 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder