

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

May 3, 2017

The meeting of the 1835 Town Hall Committee opened at 6:36 pm. Members present were Bob Jones, Dave Gibbs, Ron Pichierri, Carl Corrinne, Rob Barwise and Joann Drown.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Dave, to accept the Recorder's report as written. The Committee voted 6-0 to accept the motion.

Bob informed the Committee that he has talked to Ryan Robichaud about cleaning up the porch, and he also discussed how to strip the columns and make them smooth, like new. Bob also talked about painting the Maple St. side of the building, which is looking shabby.

Bob received an e-mail from Danielle Ray. She stated that she must resign the Committee due to her family obligations. Danielle sent a statement to the Committee which reads as follows:

Greetings fellow 1835 Town Hall advocates -

I have had the privilege of living in beautiful Sterling for over 30 years, and like all of you I am fiercely protective of our town and its rich history.

I have enjoyed serving on the 1835 Town Hall Committee over the past few years, although during the last two years I have not been able to be as active because of my life as a Mom of three young children. As a result I have come to the hard decision to give up my seat on the committee in the hopes that you will find a replacement who is just as passionate and committed to the 1835 as you all are.

I am extremely proud of all the hard work the committee has put into educating Sterling's residents on the 1835 Town Hall's needs, and what should happen going forward to preserve our beloved historical structure for generations to come.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this meaningful endeavor. I have enjoyed working alongside all of you and getting to know you. I will continue to be a strong supporter of the 1835 Town Hall and the Committee, and to help the cause in any way I can.

With warm regards, Danielle Ray

Bob contacted Tom Rutherford and asked him to inform Bill Tuttle that there is still a lot of debris in the Great Hall that needs to be dumped.

Bob also contacted Sean Hamilton of the SMLD to inform him that we need the light in the back of the building repaired or replaced.

Bob sent a thank you to Barbara Bartlett of the Finance Committee which reads as follows:

Barbara

I have been struggling to find the words to express the gratitude our Committee shares for your eloquent and gentle voice at Town Meeting. If not the champion of the night, you were certainly the catalyst to our victory and key player in the team effort to prepare the Town Hall for many decades of community use and enjoyment.

The 1835 Town Hall Committee will read into the record this evening our appreciation for your role as liaison between the 1835 Town Hall Committee and the Finance Committee and as a citizen who cares deeply about our community, our town and our Town Hall.

With gratitude, Bob

Barbara replied as follows:

I LOVE this! Thank you so much!!!

Contratulations to all of you on Article 16's passage - I know how much work and frustration you have all had to endure and I am so glad that part is over. I am looking forward to seeing the progress in the coming years. Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help?

Barbara

Ron made a motion, seconded by Rob, to reimburse Joann Drown \$36.01 for items purchased for the Open House. The Committee voted 6-0 in favor of this motion.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Rob, to reimburse Robert Jones for \$79.96 for food for the open house, \$117.84 for signs, \$429.99 for a projector and \$138.00 for a screen, for a total of \$765.79. The Committee voted 6-0 in favor of the motion.

Bob stated that he thought a reasonable rate to rent out the projector and screen would be \$35.00 per use, items to be used only in this building and for 3 hours. Bob will re-write our rental agreement to include the projector and screen.

Bob reported that he would like to set up a meeting with the Recreation Committee and our Committee. He thinks better communication is important.

Dave suggested plexiglass for the windows on the stage in the Great Hall.

This Committee needs to find out the weight bearing capacity of the Grand Hall.

Bob mentioned Ross Perry would like to start working on the ADA Grant as soon as possible. Dave will make a list of grant possibilities.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Dave discussed who we would like to replace Danielle.

Carl made a motion, seconded by Rob, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned on a vote of 6-0 at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Joann Drown, Recorder