

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

**October 18, 2004**

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m.

Members present: Vern Gaw, Cindy Secord, Roland Nelson, Ron Pichierri, Ken Stidsen and Joann Drown.

The recorder's report was read and accepted with two corrections, on a motion made by Roland, seconded by Cindy.

The treasure's report: All accounts remain the same as of the September 27, 2004 recorder's report, with the exception of the Revolving Account, which has a deposit of \$100.00.

Discussion on choosing a lamp for the portico: Vern showed the committee photocopies of several types of exterior lamps. Vern is quite sure that pictures #34 and #35, both pictures of the same lamp, is one of the lamps once used by the town as a street lamp. Pictures #36 thru #39 were taken at Benjamin Electric Co., and show several types of exterior lamps. The cost of the lamps varies widely, as the lamp in picture #39 costs \$150.00, #38 costs \$500.00, and lamp in picture #37 costs \$600.00. Vern mentioned that the lamp in picture #37, which has curved glass, would not be a good purchase, as the curved glass would be expensive to replace. Roland will go to Great Barrington to check out more lamps at a superior lamp store in that town.

Ron provided more information about the utility pole at the front corner of the building, and problems that need to be fixed before exterior painting proceeds. Highlights are: Old wires that provide no electrical service need to be removed, old fill pipes need to be removed, a new electrical service needs to be installed in a better location, the old service needs to be removed, and new and brighter lights are needed in the back of the building. Roland mentioned that the future wiring needs of the building need to be considered now, such as: elevator, cable television, etc. Vern expressed concern that the expense for the work will be too high. Ron said the work could cost \$2,700. The safety issue of not enough light in the back of the building could be covered by broadcast lights on a telephone pole, which would be less expensive than individual lamps.

There is no sewer hook-up yet.

Cindy reported that she has not see Patricia Campbell since our last meeting. She will try to see her before our November meeting.

Vern reported that the dehumidifiers that were given to this committee by Patricia Campbell to use in the building, are not missing. Pat took them to use in the library, and she will return them to the town hall building soon.

Ron made a short report about installing new clapboards vs. keeping the old clapboards. The committee will discuss this at our next meeting.

There have been more inquiries about renting space in the building. Vern stated that Judy Janda deposits checks for the use of the building into the revolving account. He also stated that the Town insures the building for liability.

Roland reported that the brush pile under the fire escape was cleaned up by the DPW.

Cindy volunteered to help Vern with the grant work after the November elections.

Our next meeting will be at the Municipal Building, 1<sup>st</sup> room on the right from the elevator, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, at 6:30 p.m. November 22, 2004.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder.