

November 19, 2014

Minutes of the 1835 Town Hall Committee

The meeting opened at 5:55 pm at the 1835 Town Hall building. Members present were Vern Gaw, Bob Jones, Ron Pichierri, Phil Nash and Joann Drown. Members absent were Danielle Ray and Jo-ann Cummings.

Ron made a motion, seconded by Bob, to accept the Recorder's report as corrected. The motion passed 5-0.

The Treasurer reported that the Maintenance account balance is \$3,939.65, the Paint account \$5,060.11, Window Resoration account \$12,241.00, the Design Engineer account \$3,580.35, and the Revolving account \$8,723.93. Phil made a motion, seconded by Bob, to accept the Treasurer's report as read. The motion passed 5-0.

Vern reported that he has an invoice from Robert Barwise dated 11/12/2014 in the amount of \$1,853.00, for 100% completion per Option #1 of the Contract (fourth 25% invoice), with 35 of 35 windows completed. There will be a change order coming to fix problems that were discovered during the window restoration, plus the need to fix a broken storm window. Vern has discussed this with Jeff Ritter, and Jeff told Vern how to proceed with a change order. Bob made a motion seconded by Ron, to pay the fourth 25% invoice in the amount of \$1,853.00. The committee voted 5-0 to pay the invoice.

Bob mentioned that he has not ordered the new booklets as of this date.

Vern stated that he and Tom Rutherford discussed how to proceed with putting a new roof on the building. Tom said no slate or metal, so it's down to asphalt or aluminum slate looking material. Vern stated that he needs to find the engineer report that pointed out the defects of the structure that supports the roof. Ron talked about other ways to support the roof. So that's where we are so far.

Phil mentioned that the Selectmen seemed interested in installing a sprinkler system in the building.

The committee discussed the ugly light pole. Phil stated that he observed the pole moving back and forth several feet at the top when a banner was attached. Vern stated that the committee needs the information on what the banner will be attached to on this side of the street.

Next on the agenda is our relationship with the Selectmen. The landlord / tenant suggestion will probably not work. For one thing, this committee needs to move to save the bottom of the columns from rotting in place: that work is on the outside of the building. Vern will take another look at the mission statement which explains our responsibilities. Phil mentioned that in 2002 or 2003 the Selectmen turned the care of this building over to the 1835 Committee, and they only wanted to work in an advisory capacity. This committee has been consistent from the beginning, and we have stuck to the mission statement. Vern said that it is not just him, but a lot of people have worked hard and long to support the original mission statement. The town has always supported our efforts to improve this building. Vern is contemplating a written response stating the problems created with the landlord /

tenant concept. Vern also remembers seeing documents and statements that stated that this building will always be a Town Hall. Vern will have all this worked out for our next meeting.

Bob asked what are the chances of getting the Selectmen to come here into our forum, instead of always in their forum. The rest of the committee expressed that the chance is probably nil.

Next was a discussion about the formation of a Friends organization, and Phil has already talked to an individual who may be interested in the project. We should know if that works out at our next meeting.

Old Business:

Vern stated that the back door crash bar is worn so badly that it is off center and doesn't work well. Vern suggested that we replace the crash bar with one that can be latched open more easily, and will close and latch without locking. Phil suggested that the committee needs to receive instructions about opening the back door more easily, since the codes we all have do not open the door. Bob made a motion, seconded by Phil, to purchase and have installed a new crash bar, the expenditure not to exceed \$800.00, and the money to come from the revolving account. Ron stated that the bar must be up to current code. The committee voted 5-0 in favor of the motion.

Ron then explained that the code includes a push button door opener on the inside and also on the outside of the building. Vern will investigate the push button opener, and perhaps the committee will need to vote on this item again at our next meeting.

Ron made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phil, and the committee voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joann Drown, Recorder