

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee (OMRC) Meeting
April 3, 2019
6:00 PM
Epsom Public Library

Present: Virginia Drew, Chuck Driesbach, Val Long, Deb Sargent, Norm Yeaton

I. Review and Adoption of minutes 3/20/2019

Since Meadow was traveling, it was decided that each member should forward any changes via email to Meadow so that she can update the 3/20/19 minutes for review and final approval.

Chuck made the following recommendation for wording of the statement that will be included at the beginning of meeting minutes:

The Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee meets to continue efforts to bring the Old Meetinghouse up to code for occupancy so it may be utilized as a community space. It is the goal of the committee to finance the effort through fundraising without utilizing taxpayer dollars.

II. Donation Update

Deb noted that a check had been received for \$100 and \$217.25 was collected at the voting polls. We now have a total of \$1317.25 in the Old Meetinghouse Fund.

III. Selectman Update

Bottom line, only one selectman can directly participate on the committee. Virginia will be our BOS liaison. Cheryl has graciously agreed to work as a volunteer, but will not be able to have direct participation on the committee. Both Virginia and Cheryl may receive email correspondence from the committee, but they may not respond or participate in discussion.

IV. Fundraising and Grant Updates

Updates from Val - 1. Working on letter/package to present to Temescal for donation/funds.
2. Conversation with Dave Stewart, Blasty Bough, may name a beer after the OM and donate part of the proceeds. 3. Conversations with Brandy Loughlin (NH Div. of Historical Resources) and others concerning review of Moose Plate Grant Application requirements. (will be used for repair of stained glass windows).

Virginia - Talked to Penny Graham, Epsom Historical Association, concerning their involvement in OM fundraising. Penny was in agreement, but will need to meet with the Association members.

V. Meeting House Visits

Val - 1. Visit to Washington, NH to review their meetinghouse revitalization efforts is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16 at 4:00pm. 2. Visit to Canaan, NH scheduled for Tuesday, April 30 at 10:30am.

VI. How to Organize a Farmers Market/Nada Haddad

Val - At our next meeting, Nada Haddad (NH Co-op Extension) will discuss how/what it would take to organize a farmers market on the OM/Library/ Old Town Hall site She will be first on the agenda. Library would not want it on Saturday, but Friday was discussed as a positive alternative. Nancy Claris to review possibility with Library Trustees. Restroom facilities would be needed (could use Old Town Hall). Farmers Market could be great visibility and possible fundraiser.

VII. Other

Deb - Will be out of town several times in April. Keys to OM given to Chuck in case anyone needs access.

Val - Meeting with Nancy Wheeler next week to discuss Moose Grant

Deb - Will check with Cheryl concerning status of postcard to Epsom residents.

Val - Tom Driscoll is coming on April 11 at 2:00pm to review stained glass windows in order to provide an estimate.

Chuck - Need constancy on wording for Old Meetinghouse. One word or two. Even though our current charter uses two words for Meetinghouse, Chuck made a motion that one word be used to be consistent with the fund name that was established. Seconded by Val. Approved by all. Our committee will now be known as: Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee (OMRC) and any future correspondence/literature should utilize that wording.

Next meeting of the OMRC is Wednesday April 17th at 6 PM at the Library.

Val - Motion to adjourn, Norm seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Driesbach

Vice Chairman