

**Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**October 2, 2019**

**Committee Present:** Deb Sargent, Norm Yeaton, Meadow Wysocki, Val Long. Chuck Driesbach absent.

**Public:** No public present.

*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.*

**1. Approval of Minutes - 9/11/19**

Minutes from September 11, 2019. Committee members were asked to review Chuck's minutes from September 11th and send comments and corrections. Virginia mentioned that we should not include the names of people we will be soliciting for donations. Meadow made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, and Norman seconded.

**2. Epsom Historical Association**

Deb and Val met with Penny Graham to discuss how much the Epsom Historical Association (EHA) may be willing to donate to the OM Trust Fund. Donations from the EHA will help the OMRC meet the cash match for LCHIP funding as we receive it in December. Val drafted a letter to send to the EHA officers, and will send that next week with a deadline of October 21, 2019 to address with EHA.

**3. Donations from Businesses**

Meadow distributed a list of the BOS approved OM donations to date. Meadow also distributed a revised letter to businesses for committee members to use when talking with businesses about donations. Meadow also handed out donor level insert for the flyer. She will also design an insert with much higher levels for other donors.

Norm asked about the process to be reimbursed for items purchased for the OM (joist hangers). Virginia mentioned that Norm needs to submit a list of what he and Chuck need to bring to Nancy Wheeler as a PO.

There was discussion brought forward by the BOS about the issue of donors naming furniture/rooms and other items in the OM, and whether at some point in the future these items would be renamed. Val will find a citation for common practices around naming. [The citation is: <https://www.forbes.com/forbes/2009/0921/creative-giving-cash-strapped-charities-donors-names.html#8b54c776fba2>]

Deb mentioned she has approached several businesses, and it is not easy if they are part of a larger business.

Virginia mentioned that we could do a PowerPoint. Val mentioned that we could create a PowerPoint to print out on 8 1/2 X 11 paper. Also, we can use the PP on the crowdfunding site should the EHA should provide assistance through the 501(c)(3) designation.

#### **4. Septic System Update**

We cannot simply “refresh” the OM septic system plan. Norm reported that Moffett has to do a new septic design. This could be expensive. Norm mentioned that he would talk with Moffett about this plan along with George Carlin.

#### **5. Fire Extinguishers**

We are in need of specific fire extinguishers for the OM, according to the Fire Department. Since the OM is a Town building, Nancy Wheeler said the needed fire extinguishers should be paid for by the Town. We will ask Joel French to submit the request to the Town.

#### **Other**

##### **Crowdfunding**

Val asked about using Facebook for crowdfunding. She will continue to review the the way crowdfunding works with Facebook. They do not charge a percentage of funds that are donated the way that other crowdfunding sites charge. Also, by using Facebook, we could link to another crowdfunding sites.

##### **Fundraising Concert at the OM**

Deb asked if the NH music group “Recycled Percussion” could do a benefit for the OM. Val will check with her son-in-law (the group’s founder) about this. Val also mentioned that she asked how much the Hickory Horned Devils would charge for a concert. They got right back to her and the fee is \$600 for 2 hours.

Next meeting is October 17th, October 30th.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Norm seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:18.

Respectfully submitted, Valerie Long