

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee (OMRC) Meeting
September 11, 2019
6:00 PM
Epsom Public Library
Final

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

Public Present: Meagan Rheume

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.

I. Review and Adoption of minutes 8/14/2019

Chuck made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Norm. Minutes accepted as amended.

II. Crowdfunding

Val – Need \$30K in cash to meet LCHIP requirements for grant. Would like to pursue crowdfunding through a website called “Causes”. Need 501©3 for qualification.

Virginia – Epsom Historical Association (EHA) is on the Federal 501(c)3 registry. However they are currently inoperative. She is working to get the Association working again.

Val – Will send a proposal/request to Linda Hogdon for “Causes” crowdfunding to present to the Friends of the Library. Will also send to the EHA with a suggestion that she administer the process.

III. Donation Update

Val & Virginia – Update on meeting certain residents. Meeting went well, but no definite commitment. Val will provide follow-up.

Note – Donation requests were made to certain individuals via email by Cheryl and Val.

Meadow – Will draft a sponsorship level chart (what recognition donors would receive for their donation).

ALL – The deadline to contact the local business that were assigned to each of us is October 15.

Meadow – Provided a list of non-Epsom businesses for each of us to review and select to contact for possible donations.

Meadow – Will finalize the business donation letter as amended and print out letters for businesses. She will also provide an electronic copy that we can use.

Deb – Received a \$25 donation from David & Nancy Heath that she will present to the BOS for approval.

Norm – Contacted Docko and B&S Septic. Both said they would be willing to help with Septic installation. Per Don Harty, someone (business?) said that would donate a holding tank. We need to try to identify who that was. The septic system design is out of date. Nancy (Epsom Town

Office) will contact the state about having the design refreshed.

IV. OMH Volunteer Work Hours

Deb – Hours that are worked directly at/on the OM should be recorded separately in the notebook located on the stage.

V. OMH Trust Fund Update

Meadow – Provided a current list of donors and donations.

VI. Business Letter & Brochure Update

Meadow – Reviewed the updates to the Business Letter and changes to the Brochure

VII. Other

Norm – Presented a check for \$1000 from Circle 9. Check was incorrect. Norm will return with an informal thank you and request changes to check. Formal thank you will be provided upon acceptance by the BOS.

Deb – Requested that each of us keep track of items/materials that we donate in the future so that we can identify cost of same.

Val – Concerning the Stewardship Agreement, the Town's insurance policy should identify that the coverage is for the full replacement of the OM. Virginia will check on policy language/coverage.

Val – No update on the Moose Plate Grant. Will be taking CDFA (Community Development Financial Authority) training in order to facilitate/provide tax credit incentives to business that donate.

Virginia – The OM will be receiving additional repairs to the soffit through Epsom budget funding.

Chuck – Received a quote from Mr. Sandless for \$2500 to refinish floor. We would need to remove residue adhesive from old carpet. Checked with Fire Department and they do not have "loaner" fire extinguishers. It was requested the Fire Department identify how many and what type of fire extinguishers would be needed at the OM.

Meagan Rheume - Meagan is a member of the NH Preservation Alliance and expressed interest in our preservation efforts for the OM. She suggested that we obtain the book "Preserving Community Character". Val will check with the library to see if they can order it. It was also suggested that we might want to consider establishing a "Heritage Commission" to obtain more leverage in preservation efforts.

Val - Motion to adjourn, Norm seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:40pm

Next meeting of the OMRC is Wednesday October 2nd at 6 PM at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Driesbach

Vice Chairman

