

**Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes**  
**August 19, 2020**  
**6 PM**  
**Old Meetinghouse**  
**Final**

**Committee Present:** Meadow Wysocki, Virginia Drew, Norman Yeaton, Chuck Driesbach  
**Community Present:** Kristy Ellsworth

*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. Approve 8/5/20 minutes**

No changes made to meeting minutes. Meadow made a motion to approve minutes. Norm seconded. Approved 4-0

**II. New Members**

Virginia introduced Kristy Ellsworth to the committee. Kristy provided the group information about her background and the skills she could contribute to the committee. Chuck and Virginia explained the background of the Old Meetinghouse and the direction we are moving in.

Meadow made a motion to recommend Kristy to the BOS for appointment to the Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee. Norm Seconded. Approved 4-0.

**III. Grant Report Update**

Meadow provided an update on the status of the current grant application to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, Moose Plate Grant. We are still waiting on a decision. Meadow also indicated we are waiting for other grant applications to become active. Unfortunately due to COVID 19 there are limited grant opportunities that are not directly related to the pandemic. She will continue to look for additional grant and funding opportunities.

**IV. Piano Donation**

Virginia spoke to the BOS about the donation of the electric piano by Rita and Carol Lambert. The BOS accepted the donation. The piano is being stored at the Old Town Hall until the OM is ready for occupancy.

## **V. Septic System Review**

Chuck reached out to the septic engineer. He has not heard back from him yet. Virginia will also reach out to George Carlson to inquire about his view of what needs to be done. The committee agreed they will move forward with bathrooms first. Chuck and Norman discussed the need to work on the back wall before any work can be started on the bathrooms. They will determine what is needed to insulate the walls and frame out the ceiling/walls and will provide that information to Virginia to coordinate the purchase of these materials.

## **Other**

Virginia continues to talk to the two people she previously spoke with about possibly doing CAD designs for the bathroom. Both are still not available but will let her know when they are.

Virginia asked about hooking up the lights and possibly a few outlets. Chuck will check with Joel French about the inspection. He believes they are all set to go but asked if Virginia could have David Caplan take a look to make sure things are good and to hook things up so lights can be turned on. They will also need the BOS to approve covering the cost of the power for the building. This should be minimal at this time.

Virginia spoke to the BOS about approving scheduling tours for the community to come and see the building. She explained the value of having people be able to see the space and the potential it has. The BOS approved the request and will also consider allowing the community to have a viewing of the Old Town Hall at the same time. This would be coordinated with the BOS. She will work on a write-up and will come to the next meeting with some proposed dates.

Meadow provided an update on the GoFundMe (GFM) requirements and addressed the concerns the BOS had about collecting donor information for people who wish to remain anonymous. The GFM platform allows for the organizer to collect the information and provide thank you letters to donors but can select for donors to be listed to the public as anonymous should they choose. Kristy has also had experience with GFM and had some great suggestions about doing events around a drive and have a live broadcast during the event. Virginia also had some suggestions about things that could be a focus of an event such as having Tim Patterson speak. Virginia will bring the new information to the BOS and request their approval to move forward.

Virginia will check on where the fire extinguishers that were purchased for the OM as well as the carbon monoxide/smoke detectors. They should have been purchased in the previous budget year as they were approved and had been told they had been purchased.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn. Norman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meeting is on September 2, 2020 at 6pm at the Old Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted by Meadow Wysocki