Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes November 5, 2020 5 PM Old Town Hall Final

Committee Present: Meadow Wysocki, Virginia Drew, Norman Yeaton, Chuck Driesbach, 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 10/22/20 minutes

Meadow made a motion to approve minutes. Kristy seconded. Approved 5-0

II. Fundraising Updates

Meadow provided an update on the Moose Plate grant award. The BOS will hold a public hearing on 11/16/20 before accepting the grant award. This is required because the amount is over \$10,000. Once the hearing is complete the BOS will accept the award and she will work with Deb Sullivan and Virginia to ensure all the appropriate paperwork is returned. Once this is done she will coordinate with Tom Driscoll on getting on their schedule.

Kristy is working on the wording for the GoFundMe campaign. She has sent a draft to everyone on the committee and will pull together any feedback and send out a final copy by the next meeting. Once the wording is approved, Meadow and Kristy will work together to launch the campaign. Kristy also indicated that the email list we are planning on purchasing are valid email addresses and are gathered based on criteria defined by us. The search parameters include such criteria as historic preservation, philanthropy, charitable giving, faith based, etc. This list is ready whenever we are ready to launch. Virginia asked if Chuck had been able to find the prior email list used for the survey. He thinks he has that and will get it to Meadow to validate against the list we purchase and add any necessary email.

Kristy had been working with Wendy Cahill at the NH Charitable Foundation. We are not a 501c3 and therefore do not qualify for the larger grant programs. We can apply for up to \$5000 directly. The deadline for these applications is April.

III. Restroom Construction Planning

Kristy indicated her dad is not able to do the CAD drawings for the bathrooms, however she has been able to line up another person to assist with this. Derek Carrigan will validate our current design and note any changes required to be ADA compliant. Kristy is confident this can be accomplished by Christmas.

IV. Lighting Update

Chuck spoke to Andrew Bode and he has indicated he is willing to help and would love to see the building. Chuck is going to try to coordinate with him to come this next Saturday. Chuck explained what they are trying to accomplish and if Andrew is not able to make it Chuck will send him pictures for feedback.

Other

Chuck was not able to find the prior list of volunteer hours. Norm will reach out to Val to see if she has the prior lists. Meadow asked the group to write a summary of the hours worked since January 1, 2020 and provide it to Chuck by the next meeting as this will be necessary for the final report to the BOS. Meadow will provide a sheet to track the hours on a bi-weekly basis moving forward.

Virginia will pick up the supplies the committee discussed. The list includes shop rags, heavy duty trash bags, Old English Oil to use on the pews and a broom and dustpan set. Once these items have been purchased the remaining balance will be used to purchase the email list for fundraising campaigns.

Chuck is planning on using the Home Depot gift cards donated to the Old Meetinghouse to purchase the electrical supplies necessary for the repairs.

Virginia reminded everyone to send Chuck items which they feel should be included in the final report to the BOS. These are items that have been accomplished during this year.

Kristy indicated she is still working on the PowerPoint presentation.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn. Kristy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meeting is on November 19, 2020 at 5pm at the Town Office.

Respectfully submitted by Meadow Wysocki