

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes
Thursday February 18, 2021
5 PM
Epsom Town Hall and via ZOOM

Committee Present: Virginia Drew, Chuck Driesbach, Meadow Wysocki
Via ZOOM: Norman Yeaton, 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.

Meeting Commenced at 5:03 p.m.

I. Approve 2/4/2021 minutes

Chuck made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Virginia seconded. Approved 5-0

II. Fundraising Updates

Meadow reported that GoFundMe raised about \$2,100 so far. Email blast went out, and through some finagling she was able to get approval to send out a blast with over 2,000 emails. Meadow also plans to send an email blast to our town email list as well. We discussed showing patrons updates through GoFundMe, and Chuck recommended showing the drawn-up bathroom plans. Everyone agreed, and Meadow will update that on the fundraising page.

Meadow explained the process of thanking individual donors and how we distribute tax receipts.

We discussed using the budget money to buy more emails.

Kristy reported on some options for fundraisers such as ornaments, calendars and mums. We discussed the pros and cons of such fundraisers and Kristy will give a printed-out report of some various options at the next meeting.

Virginia discussed whether we should offer large donors pew plaques.

Virginia and Meadow are finishing up the required steps for our Moose Plate Grant funding. There was some issue of the Arts Commission's end and we are now on the agenda for their next meeting.

III. Restroom Construction Planning

Bathroom installation is on hold until the spring.

It was discussed in great length about the town's plans to use the Old Town Hall for town offices. There was talk about using the basement of the OM for the welfare office and food pantry. This is in the very preliminary stages. The food pantry would contribute \$10,000 to the renovation efforts for the pouring of the concrete floor.

Chuck mentioned that they would need lighting, heat and parking.

There was a question if the town would help with the cost of the septic if they were planning to use the building.

IV. Lighting Update

Chuck reported that we will wait until spring for more electrical work and will explore solar lights on the porch as well.

The group discussed the need for a fire alarm system and the cost to this committee, this is put on hold for now as the town is looking into taking care of this.

Kristy reported on the cost of the ring system for security, we will wait until the town decides how to handle this.

Other

We talked about setting up a booth at voting day. Kristy will be at the polls all day, and the other committee members will come and relieve her throughout the day. We discussed updating the PowerPoint and display board. Virginia will ask the BOS if we can put out a donation jar.

Virginia plans more guided tours of the Meeting house in the spring as well.

The group discussed if we would like to put a booth at Old Home Day.

Chuck made a motion to adjourn. Kristy seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:05 pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meeting is on March 5th, 2021 at 5pm at the Town Office or Via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted by Kristy Ellsworth