

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes
June 10, 2020
6 PM
Zoom Virtual Space
Final

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

Community Present: Cheryl Gilpatrick

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. Agenda review and update

Agenda reviewed and updated.

II. Approve 5/27/20 minutes

No changes to meeting minutes. Meadow made a motion to approve minutes. Norm seconded.

III. Committee Membership

Virginia spoke to a resident and they indicated they were not comfortable with the fundraising aspect of serving on the committee. Norm suggested we offer a space on the committee and they don't have to participate in the fundraising if they do not want to. Virginia confirmed the committee's desire to put something out on the town web page as well as social media about potential interest in the committee. Interested parties could contact one of the committee members and if the committee approves it would go forward to the Board of Selectman for approval.

IV. Storm Window Update

Chuck indicated the interior pane of a two pane window had broken. He cleaned up the glass. He thinks this was possibly caused by built up heat in the window area. Norm indicated he had cracked the window to allow for additional air flow to help prevent heat from building up moving forward.

Virginia indicated the town is still looking for a person to fill the maintenance position. These types of repairs should be able to be covered by this person once they have been hired. There are a number of jobs around town but the remaining pane of window should secure the window for the time being.

Norm suggested we might look at the original window installer to see if this is something they could repair.

V. Stained Glass Window Updates

Virginia sent the press release approved by the BOS for the Moose Plate Grant. Meadow has almost completed the application process for the current Conservation License Plate Grant. She requested some assistance from Virginia with putting together two parts she would like to reword. Virginia and Meadow will get together on Sunday to put the final touches on the narrative for the application and Meadow will send it to the BOS for the Monday meeting agenda. After the BOS has reviewed and made any changes requested, Meadow will complete the online application on Wednesday June 17th

VI. Hannaford & True Value Grant Opportunities

Meadow received a response from Hannaford concerning the grant application and non-profit requirement. They have indicated that the specific grant we inquired about does require a 501c3, however, there is a corporate grant available that we would qualify for. Meadow will be writing up an application for this grant. She indicated to the committee that this is a small dollar value grant and proposed we apply for \$1000. The committee agreed this would be a good amount.

VII. Porch Repairs

Virginia indicated the BOS are still looking for a replacement maintenance person. Norm indicated he went by and put a temporary fix to the rails. They will still need to have supports installed. Norm indicated he is willing to do the repairs and there shouldn't be any material costs. The committee expressed their appreciation and to move forward with the repairs.

Other

Chuck asked about the committee becoming a 501c3 non-profit. Virginia indicated that the only way this could happen is if there is a separate group such as the Friends of the Old Meetinghouse and they establish a 501c3.

Virginia provided an update on the Historical Association and the newly elected officials. They are still working to reinstate their 501c3 status.

Virginia has also been looking at the crowd fundraising issue as a municipality. The BOS has heard loud and clear that the tax payers do not want to use Tax \$ to complete renovations. Meadow asked Virginia if there were restrictions set by the municipality restricting crowd fundraising. Virginia will check into this further and get back to the group. Virginia will also check with some of the people who worked on the Kindergarten

initiative to inquire if there is any interest in forming a Friends of the Old Meetinghouse 501c3.

Donation return. Chuck feels that once a donation has been made it can't be returned unless it will not be used for the originally defined purpose. Ultimately the BOS need to make the final decision. Virginia also indicated there may be legal restrictions by the trust fund and she will follow up with Trustee of the Trust Funds.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn. Norman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:40pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meeting is on July 15, 2020 at 6pm at the Old Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted by Meadow Wysocki