

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2020
6 PM
Old Meetinghouse
Final

Committee Present: Meadow Wysocki, Virginia Drew, Norman Yeaton

Community Present: None

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 7/22/20 minutes

No changes made to meeting minutes. Meadow made a motion to approve minutes. Norm seconded. Approved 3-0

II. New Members

Virginia spoke to Kristy Ellsworth and she is committed to joining the committee should the Board of Selectman appoint her. She was not able to attend this meeting but will be joining us for the next meeting. Once the committee has had an opportunity to speak with Kristy they will make a decision to recommend her to the BOS for appointment.

III. Grant Report Update

Meadow provided an update of the Final Report. It was submitted online to the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts, Moose Plate Grant by the deadline. She indicated we are now waiting to hear if the committee was awarded under the new grant cycle. Norm inquired if we knew how many applicants were currently being considered. Meadow did not know and Virginia said she would inquire to find out if this information is available.

IV. Piano Donation

Virginia spoke to the BOS about the donation of the electric piano by Rita and Carol Lambert. Hugh asked that the donor indicate the value of the piano. Virginia contacted Carol and she indicated that the value of the Piano is approximately \$500. Virginia will bring this forward to the BOS for acceptance of a material contribution. The piano will be stored at the Old Town Hall until the OM is ready for occupancy.

V. Septic System Review

Chuck contacted the septic engineer. They will check to see if the Old Town Hall could be combined with the OM for the septic. They will need to look at the elevation. Norm talked to Billy Clark and he indicated there is a septic tank on the other side of the OTH so this would need to be looked at if any additions are being proposed for that building. This would change the possibility to combining the two buildings on one septic design. Norm and Virginia suggested Billy might be able to come look at our current design and strategy and give us some recommendations. Virginia will discuss this with him.

Other

Virginia had talked to two people about possibly doing CAD designs for the bathroom and both said it was possible but could not address it right away because of current projects.

Virginia asked the committee how they would feel about scheduling opportunities for the community to come and tour the building. It would be scheduled appointments with limits on the number of people for each tour. The committee thought this was a good idea. Virginia also indicated that this might be able to be done in conjunction with the BOS offering viewings of the Old Town Hall. She will bring this request to the next BOS meeting. If approved she will also make sure Joel knows about it. The group thinks that looking at one week and doing it on at Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday makes the most sense. Meadow made a motion to request the BOS approve the open house. Norm seconded. Approved vote of 3-0.

Meadow inquired about the possibility of crowd funding. Virginia has been looking into this and the problem is towns need to know where the funds are coming from. Through the donation process with crowd funding, individuals can choose to be anonymous. Meadow questioned the donation collection at events and that people who put money in the bucket are not tracked. Meadow asked if we were able to require information to be collected but the donor could choose to be anonymous for public disclosure than could we pursue this direction. Meadow will check into this and report back to the group during the next meeting. If we are able to do this in the future, she is willing to take on this responsibility.

Norm asked about how we are recognizing donation to the public. The group discussed the placement of names within the building on plaques and various items depending on donation level.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn. Norman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meeting is on August 19, 2020 at 6pm at the Old Meetinghouse.

Respectfully submitted by Meadow Wysocki