

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization Committee (OMRC) Meeting
January 22, 2020
6:00 PM
Epsom Public Library

Committee Present: Virginia Drew, Chuck Driesbach, Val Long, Deb Sargent, Meadow Wysocki,

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. Review and Adoption of minutes 1/8/2020

Meadow made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by Deb. Minutes approved.

II. LCHIP Review of Grant (VAL)

Val reviewed her meeting with LCHIP (see attached) concerning the rejection of our grant request. We need to have a building assessment. Consultant from New Hampshire Preservation Alliance (NHPA) could perform using grant dollars from NHPA. We would need an architectural drawing. Virginia and Chuck will look at the Town Office for applicable prints/drawings. Question about forming a Historic Heritage Commission. Question about the need for an HHC and an Epsom Historic Structures Stewardship Committee EHSSC.

III. EHA Update (Val & Meadow)

Val and Meadow have met with Penny Graham of the Epsom Historical Association (EHA) concerning reestablishment of the EHA 501c3. The EHA has not been functioning for several years and their 501c3 status has lapsed. Meadow will contact the IRS to identify what is needed to get the 501c3 restored. Meadow will generate an email to Penny Graham, Harvey Harkness and Tom Rand identifying concerns, lack of EHA functionality and future action that is needed.

IV. Stained glass windows Update (Val)

An additional \$5K is needed to repair the stained-glass windows. Funding options: use OM money, request town funds, obtain additional grant money, decline repair. Val try to obtain additional Moose Plate Grant funding. Virginia will discuss Town funding with the BOS. Val will contact Tom Driscoll with the correct billing address (Town of Epsom).

V. OMH Building Update Fire Extinguishers (Chuck & Deb)

The letter from Joel French (Epsom Fire Dept) concerning fire extinguisher and carbon monoxide detectors for the OM was provided to the BOS. Fire Chief Yeaton disagreed with what was needed. Virginia will follow up and ask for a directive to the Fire Department to acquire what is needed.

VI. Voting Assignment & Jeff Keeler (Deb)

We have been approved to have a table during voting on February 11 and March 10. Table will be to provide info and solicit donations. Val will provide a PowerPoint presentation. Chuck will provide a larger monitor. February 11 time assignments:

Deb	8:00am – 12:00pm & 5:00pm to close
Meadow	8:00am – 11:00am & 4:00pm to 7:00pm
Val	12:00pm – 4:00pm
Chuck	4:00pm – 7:00pm

VII. Other

Cleaning of OM Steps (Deb/Virginia) – concern was expressed that steps were not being cleaned off. Deb will try to get someone (close to her) to volunteer to clean any snow.

Ceiling Paint (Chuck) - Chuck provided quote information for painting the main area ceiling. Cost is estimated to be approximately \$3K.

CDFR (Meadow & Val) – Meadow and Val attended training concerning CDFR grants. These are tax credits available to business to donate funds to the OM project. Both agreed that too much effort is required at this time to move forward.

Globe Community Grant (Val) – Val is in contact with Globe manufacturing and will submit a list of projects for their review. Chuck to review the list.

Easter Egg Hunt (Deb) - Virginia will discuss having an Easter Egg Hunt (4/11; 2:00pm – 3:00pm) with tours of OM with the BOS. Take donations. Virginia Will contact the Girl Scouts to see if they would organize it.

Val - Motion to adjourn, Meadow seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm

Next meeting of the OMRC is Wednesday February 5th at 6 PM at the Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Driesbach
Vice Chairman