

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2019
6:00 PM
Epsom Public Library
Final

Committee present: Deb Sargent, Val Long, Meadow Wysocki, Virginia Drew, Norman Yeaton

Guests present: Betsy Bosiak

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 October 2, 2019 Minutes

Minutes reviewed and amended. Meadow made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Norm seconded the motion. Minutes were accepted as amended.

II. Septic System Update

Virginia updated the committee on the septic system permit and design. Letter from Matthew Moore provided. Updated communication concerning the water line locations and the cost of submitting the updated application to the State. Norm provided an updated aerial view of the site with water lines. Virginia will be speaking to the Board of Selectman to see if there are funds available in this year's budget to cover the cost of the new application and site evaluation.

III. Epsom Historical Association Update

Val indicated she has not received any response to the request sent to the Epsom Historical Association (EHA). Betsy Bosiak from the EHA provided an update. She confirmed that the funds in the line item for the EHA specifically designated for the Meetinghouse will be released to the Town to be deposited into the trust fund. As to the additional funds requested from the stock being held by EHA. It was indicated that these were for the specific fund as defined by the original donor and not available to be issued to the Meetinghouse. Betsy also responded to the request for the EHA's assistance with fundraising and specifically using the 501c3 designation for crowdfund fundraising and that the EHA is not comfortable with providing this support.

Val will submit a new letter formally requesting the funds designated for the Old Meetinghouse from the EHA for a check to be issued. She will also speak to Penny at the EHA to verify that these are the only funds defined to assist the Old Meetinghouse. Val will also send a letter to the Friends of the Epsom Library requesting their assistance through the use of their 501c3 designation for the crowdfund fundraising efforts.

IV. Budget Update

Deb provided an update for the budget presented to the Board Of Selectmen for review.

V. Moose Plate Grant Update

Val provided an update on the award of the Moose Plate Grant. The amount awarded is \$17,940. There are 5 ½ months to complete the work. Val will follow-up with Tom and the existing bids concerning the award. Only partial work will be completed out of this grant. There will be a public hearing with the Board of Selectman on 11/4/19 at which time the BOS will accept the grant.

Other Business

Chuck to send Joel a note requesting he submit something to the Town requesting the fire extinguishers for the Old Meetinghouse be purchased by the Board Of Selectmen.

Val indicated that the LCHIP grants are awarded in December.

Val has contacted CDFA and she and Meadow will participate in the training and will apply for the Tax Credit Grant.

Virginia will write a news update to go on the website as well as Facebook. Regular updates with current news on the Meetinghouse should be provided to Virginia for posting.

Val will be reaching out to Recycled Percussion to find out if they would be willing to do a benefit concert for the Old Meetinghouse.

Meadow provided updated inserts for the brochures with the newly defined donation levels. Meadow will also provide additional brochures to be displayed at the Town Office. Another possible location would be the Post Office.

Meadow provided the updated donations spreadsheet including the most recent donation.

Virginia indicated that the LCHIP Stewardship Report will be due in December.

Next meeting on 10/30/19 at 6 pm in the Library.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn. Val seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Meadow Wysocki