

**Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes**  
**May 13, 2020**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Zoom Virtual Space**  
**Final**

**Committee Present:** Meadow Wysocki, Virginia Drew, Chuck Driesbach, 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. Agenda review and update**

Agenda reviewed and no updates requested.

**II. Committee Update**

Chuck advised the committee that Deb Sargent has resigned for medical reason. The entire committee wishes her the best and hopes she is better soon. Chuck also indicated he has been in communication with Val Long and she has indicated that she is resigning at this time. Chuck indicated that Hugh Curley had discussed the possibility of her working on fundraising outside of the OMRC and she had indicated she would not be doing that at this time. Virginia requested Chuck contact both Deb and Val to collect anything they may have related to the committee (paperwork, keys, etc.)

The committee discussed seeking potential addition members to join the committee. Virginia and Meadow have a few possibilities in mind and they will reach out to them. Interested parties will be invited to participate in the next meeting.

**III. New Officer Selection**

With Deb resigning, Chuck is acting as the interim Chair until a new Chair can be elected. After discussion, it was decided that it would be nice to get new members involved before making this decision. Chuck agreed to remain as the acting Chair at this time.

**IV. Stained Glass Window Update**

Meadow asked if a media notification had been sent since the installation of the windows had been completed. Virginia indicated no and that this is required under the grant award. Meadow offered to write up a notice and send it to the committee for review and will send it to the BOS for approval once the OMRC has approved.

Virginia will discuss with Tom Driscoll at Sash & Solder about the work and payment of the invoice not covered by the grant. Our understanding from Val was this work would be held until the additional funding was available. Work was completed but now the question is will payment be deferred until the grant application goes through and award is determined. Virginia will be having a discussion on Friday with Tom. She will also reach out to the Moose Plate Grant to see if we will be able to apply for these additional funds now that the work has been completed.

## **V. Hannaford & True Value Grant Opportunities**

Meadow presented two grant opportunities. One is the Hannaford Charitable Foundation Grant and the other was the True Value Painting a Brighter Future Grant. Meadow will be putting together the grant application information and will be presenting it to the OMRC for approval. Norman suggested we reach out to the local True Value in Northwood and see if we could get their endorsement. Meadow said she would do this.

## **VI. NH Charitable Foundation Grant update**

Meadow informed the committee that the NH Charitable Foundation Express Grant application which had been approved by the BOS could not be processed at this time. The grant has been restricted to COVID 19 related activities. Meadow will continue to monitor this grant and will process the application as soon as the restriction is lifted.

## **VII. Septic Installation**

Meadow asked if we had received approval from the state on our septic design application? If we have, should we start moving forward with this part of the process as we have funds available and have received the Globe Community Grant to assist with these costs. Norm indicated that it might be advantageous to have a conversation with B&S Septic in Pittsfield. They are a neighboring community who would benefit from the Old Meetinghouse and the Globe Grant is one of their local businesses. Virginia indicated that Don Harty had previously indicated that he may have someone willing to donate a tank. She will follow up with Don.

## **VIII. Other**

Meadow asked if Virginia has been able to have another conversation concerning the floors with the company she had previously discussed it with. Since the floors will be one of the last pieces to be done she will reach out to see if she can get a better feel for where they are coming from knowing that this is a future job.

Virginia would like the committee to start thinking about a possible volunteer weekend event after we get past the COVID 19 restrictions. This way community members could volunteer

their time in small groups to work on projects in the interior and get a better perspective with where things are and a stronger connection with this initiative.

Virginia also asked for Norm and Chuck to take a look at the weather stripping on the doors at some point in the future. Not an issue as the weather gets nicer but would like to know if this is something we are going to have to deal with before next winter.

Meadow asked the status of the porch repairs. Virginia indicated that it is on hold at this time. The current maintenance person for the town has had to take leave because of COVID 19. They are looking for a new person that can fill in at this time. The BOS had approved the repairs required and once they are able to find someone it will be on their to do list.

Scheduled OMRC meetings. May 27, 2020. Via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Meadow Wysocki