

Old Meetinghouse Revitalization (OMRC) Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2020
6 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 updated.

II. Approve 5/13/20 minutes

Minor changes made to the minutes. Norm made a motion to approve minutes as amended. Meadow seconded.

III. Committee Membership

Chuck spoke with Val and Deb. He was able to meet with Deb and collect the key and documents she had retained. Val indicated she would turn the key into the town office and that she had gotten rid of all the documents she had.

Virginia asked Chuck to reach out to Val for the username and password for the grant application system so we can gain access to prior year grant applications as well as process the current year applications. Chuck will contact Val and get back to the committee.

Virginia also indicated that Andrea at the town office has been pulling together all the documentation they have on the Old Meetinghouse and keeping in one place should we need to access it for reference.

This committee discussed possible community members to join the OMRC. Virginia would like to talk to Meagan Rhume, as she had met the group and was well versed in historic preservation alliance information. Meadow had discussed with potential candidates but both did not have time to commit at this time. The group discussed posting a notice on social media and the town web site seeking interested parties to submit inquiries for the committee to review. Virginia will write something up and get it out to the group.

Norm suggested looking at the minutes from the listening sessions to see if particular people had expressed interest and reach out to them.

IV. Stained Glass Window Update

Virginia indicated the town has paid the portion of the invoice received covered by the grant. She spoke to Tom Driscoll at Sash & Solder about the completion of the change order. He indicated that there was no safe way to store the disassembled window so they completed this portion to ensure no future damage to the windows. They put in double the time anticipated and took a loss on the job.

Virginia will let Kayla with the Moose Plate Grant to let her know that Val is no longer on the committee and Meadow will reach out to her to clarify if the change order is eligible for grant funding since the project has already been completed.

V. Stained Glass Window Press Release

Meadow sent out a draft copy of the press release for both the Moose Plate Grant as well as the Globe Grant. It was discussed by the committee and the decision was made to remove the section for the Globe and address that at a later date. The press release should focus on only the Moose Plate Grant award and the Stained Glass Window repairs. Meadow will make the recommended changes and once reviewed and approved by the committee she will send it to the BOS for the next meeting for approval.

VI. Hannaford & True Value Grant Opportunities

Meadow informed the committee that the True Value grant deadline has passed but she will plan to submit once open again. The timeframe for application submission is January 1st to March 6th. The Hannaford Grant indicates it is restricted to non-profit 501c3 organizations but Meadow has reached out to find out if our project would qualify as other grants restricted to 501c3 organizations allow exceptions for municipalities with community based projects.

VII. Septic Installation

Virginia verified that the designs have been approved by the state. She has sent copies to the group. She will have Andrea scan the full specifications document so it is available electronically should anyone need it for estimates. Virginia also spoke to Don Harty about the potential donor of a tank and he indicated that the company he had spoken to before was now struggling and would not be in a position to donate. He is going to ask around and see if there are any other vendors we could potentially approach.

Norman provided details of materials estimates and has requested more detailed information. He also discussed the size system indicated on the plans and what materials will be needed before we look at the actual installation costs.

VIII. Porch Repairs

Virginia indicated the BOS are still looking for a replacement maintenance person. She thinks they have received applicants but with all the current projects around town we will have wait for a bit even once a person has been hired. The BOS approved the cost of repairs but will have to be prioritized with the other projects assigned to the new maintenance person.

Other

Chuck addressed that the 4th quarter report to the BOS was not filed. Virginia recommended that maybe moving forward we should have an annual report as she provides regular update to the BOS at the meeting through the Selectman's reports and it is included in the minutes. She will bring this up a the next BOS meeting.

Virginia asked Chuck to reach out to Val to inquire if she will be continuing on the Stewardship Committee as they will need to meet in the not too distant future.

Meadow made a motion to adjourn. Norman seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7pm.

Next Scheduled OMRC meetings. June 10, 2020 at 6pm Via Zoom

Respectfully submitted by Meadow Wysocki