

HANCOCK MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes: August 13, 2014

ATTENDEES: Gary Ryer, Neal Cass, Tom Shevenell, Byron Niederheman, Judy Copeland,
Nat Peirce , Chuck VanHorn, , Dennis Rossiter/Recording Secretary

4:35 PM: Meeting called to order

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Gary Ryer briefed the committee on the Meetinghouse restoration construction and renovation. It is anticipated that the majority of the work will be completed by the end of August with the exception of the storm windows which are expected in October and the new kitchen cabinets which are being created by Woody Huntington for installation in the near future. A special-order for tempered glass for the "lift" will arrive soon. The stage is going to be re-built; the interior and exterior painting is underway, as are the heating systems, which will be connected to the propane fuel tanks once the tanks are delivered. The roof trusses, and new slate roofing work has been completed and the ridgeline "dip" has been corrected. Still under consideration are design options for the entry foyer whereby the doors to the lower meeting room could be fitted with glass panels to allow more light in to the meeting room.

FUND RAISING: We have passed the \$300,000 mark in pledges and donations. A grant application has been submitted to NH LCHIP (Land and Community Heritage Investment Program) for \$20,000 to cover repair costs for the windows. Response from LCHIP will be later in the year.

OPEN HOUSE: The committee brainstormed ideas for an open house to celebrate the completion of the restoration. One idea would be to have a week of events and meetings beginning in early November to demonstrate the new availability and usefulness of the restored meeting space.

CONSTRUCTION PHOTOGRAPHS: Byron Niederheman will organize the photos he has been taking during the restoration to be utilized in an

audiovisual presentation during the November open house.

SEATING: Rossiter will research new seating to replace the old metal chairs in the restored lower level meeting room and prepare a proposal for Selectboard review.

SLATES: There is a good quantity of the old slates that have been saved. The committee discussed how to make the slates available for the public and whether there is a possibility of utilizing the salvaged slates for fundraising.

HISTORIC THEATRE CURTAIN: The historic painted theatre curtain that was hung for many years on the Meetinghouse stage has been fully restored by "Curtains Without Borders" and is currently kept in the town office building. The Meetinghouse Restoration Committee discussed moving and installing the backdrop on the lower level refurbished stage. Members of the theatre curtain restoration committee were consulted as to the use and future conservation of the curtain.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Dennis Rossiter, Secretary
Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE
WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 @ 4:30 PM
IN THE VESTRY**