

## **HANCOCK MEETINGHOUSE RESTORATION COMMITTEE**

Meeting Minutes: September 16, 2014

**ATTENDEES:** Gary Ryer, Neal Cass, Tom Shevenell, Byron Niederhelman, Judy Copeland, Nat Peirce , Chuck VanHorn, , Kurt Grassett

**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 September 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. Nevin Cassidy is installing beadboard paneling and trim on the interior of the lower level town meeting space. The stage is rebuilt and near finish. interior and exterior painting is near completion, and the heating systems are now operational. The doors from the entry to the town meeting space will be replaced with new doors with glass panels which are currently on order. This will allow natural light from the back of the building to shine in the entry. The new handicap accessible bathrooms are now operational. All work is expected to be completed in advance of our open house scheduled for Sunday November 2nd.

**FUND RAISING:** Total fundraising to date is just under \$302,000.00 of pledges and donations. A letter will be sent to all donors in early October thanking them for their generosity and inviting them to the Open House.

**OPEN HOUSE:** The event will be on November 2nd starting at 2:00 p.m. We will have a welcome to all along with a photo presentation courtesy of Byron Niederhelman which will continue to play repeatedly during the event. Each major area of restoration and improvement will have a docent present to show the work completed and answer questions. Light refreshments will be provided.

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 decided to offer the slates for sale during the open house for a nominal cost of \$10.00 each. Proceeds will go toward the construction fund.

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 now installed in the stage area of the Meeting House.

ADJOURNMENT: 5:40 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Gary Ryer, Committee Chair

Hancock Meetinghouse Restoration Committee

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE MEETINGHOUSE  
RESTORATION COMMITTEE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 7, 2014 @ 4:30 PM IN THE LOWER LEVEL TOWN  
MEETING SPACE