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Town Hall Committee Meeting Minutes

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Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 7:00 – 8:40 pm

Present: Aaron Worthley, Terry Boyle, Amy Dohner, Barbara Felitti, Linda Fickbohm

The meeting started with a visit to the Town Hall to discuss upcoming events – HHCT meeting, clean-up, open house and bee removal.

Summary of discussion:

Meeting with Preservation Trust of VT (PTVT)

Aaron met with Ann Cousins of PTVT. There appears to be more willingness to consider support for relocation of the building if it remains on the Main Road and a suitable site can be found. Ann also discussed historic preservation funds for addressing access issues and Maintenance Plan grants. PTVT has a program to develop maintenance plans which cost \$500, and the grant pays half. The committee agreed that we should apply and use committee resources to pay our portion. The goal is to get a list of maintenance items which are prioritized and have a schedule to ensure the building does not fall into disrepair and/or maintenance and repair costs increase from lack of action.

Follow-up:

⇒ Aaron will follow up with PTVT about applying for the grant.

Meeting with HHCT

Aaron also met with HHCT. There is interest among HHCT members in supporting the development of the building. HHCT will hold its annual meeting at the Town Hall next week and further discuss how they may be engaged.

Follow-up:

⇒ Aaron will participate at the HHCT meeting to help answer any questions.

Other Funding Sources

Amy asked if the Woodmen association (the Modern Woodmen of America) might help support restoration work of the building. The Woodmen association currently operates as an insurance company. We also discussed the possibility that the Grange would similarly support restoration as they operated in the building for several years.

Follow-up:

⇒ Amy will check into these potential funding options.

Survey about Town Hall:

Decision was made to keep survey as is without question about willingness to pay for events, and to be less committal about events over the summer. This may happen if there is interest and someone comes forward who will help organize it. We need to confirm the price of an individual mailing and will likely opt for insert in the Times Ink if we can do a multi-page insert.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Barbara will finalize survey, get copies made and confirm costs and options (direct mailing or Times Ink). If possible, copies of the survey will be available for the HHCT meeting on Thursday.
- ⇒ Barbara will develop a "Survey Monkey" version and circulate via Front Porch Forum.

Building Clean-up:

Building clean-up is set for **Saturday, May 15th from 9:00 am – noon**. The Boy Scouts are meeting tonight and we will know if they can help. Tasks for the clean-up include:

- Collecting trash/recyclables (books and boxes) and bring to the Richmond landfill
- Clearing and cleaning out the wings next to the stage
- Cleaning chairs from the wings and sorting into groups which need repair and those in good condition
- Clearing and cleaning out the kitchen space on the first floor
- Finishing covering the hole in the floor on the first floor

Follow-up:

- ⇒ The plan is for everyone to bring their own cleaning supplies.
- ⇒ Terry will talk with Alison Forest about how hot water for cleaning was brought to the TH last year.
- ⇒ Barbara will circulate announcement and post it on FPF and at Beaudry's and Library.

Open House

Terry asked about the Huntington Valley Arts and the statewide open studio days, and Aaron suggested coordinating the open house with the open studio weekend. The open studio weekend is **Saturday and Sunday, May 29th and 30th from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm** each day. We discussed having an exhibit information about what has happened in Huntington with historic restoration and development projects and possibly seeing if artists can show their work.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Terry will contact Alison Forrest about what HVA may doing for the weekend and help put together the exhibit.
- ⇒ Linda will help with plans for the open house.

Bee removal:

- Bees will be moved with next warm weekend. Bill Mares from the VT Beekeeping Association and JB Bryan from Huntington are in contact with each other and Aaron is coordinating with them to be on-site. We discussed possible media coverage, but decided more people could be a problem and so will take photos.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Aaron will maintain contact with Bill and JB on scheduling.
- ⇒ Barbara checked with Wayne Curley, who would be willing to take photographs if he is free the day the removal occurs.

Septic:

Amy asked about the possibility of a shared septic system as a way to address the septic issue.

Follow-up:

⇒ Amy will be in contact with Dean to first discuss the feasibility of a shared septic system.

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 20th 7:00 – 8:30pm