

Town Hall Committee Meeting Minutes
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Present: Aaron Worthley, Terry Boyle, Amy Dohner, Barbara Felitti, Linda Fickbohm

Summary of discussion:

1. Check-in on follow-up items from April meeting:

Amy contacted Dean about septic. There is capacity on the Fuller property, and if this option is used it should be installed as a separate system.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Barbara will contact Marty Fuller and see if septic on their property is still an option.

2. Funding Opportunities

Aaron discussed the plans for submitting a request for a Robert Sincerbeaux Fund Grant for developing a maintenance plan for the Huntington Town Hall and meeting with Chris Hill of Engineering Ventures. EV is willing to donate time to do the work and their assessment will be able to focus more on structural systems and complement Tom Keefe's earlier assessment, which focused more on architectural issues. Amy has experience with contractors who develop capital plans for buildings, which may be another possibility to consider.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Amy will forward information to Aaron about capital plans
- ⇒ Aaron will determine if we should investigate other options or continue working with EV

3. Open House:

The Open House will be held Saturday, May 29th from 10:00 – 2:00. We will meet to get the building ready Thursday, May 27th at 7:00.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Linda will follow-up with Heidi to get additional historic information
- ⇒ Aaron will help with sign for the front of the building
- ⇒ Linda and Terry will staff the Open House

4. Building Clean-up Follow-up

There was discussion about follow-up from the clean-up and future activities over the summer. There was agreement on looking into having Bingo.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Barbara will write a thank-you note to Michel Gilbert, the Scoutmaster
- ⇒ Terry will follow-up with Eliot Lothrop about the cost to fix the front windows
- ⇒ Linda and Amy will follow-up with Alison about how Bingo was organized last time
- ⇒ Barbara will work with Mark Smith on getting chair inventory and solicit ideas for people to re-finish them

5. Bee Update

Bees were successfully removed from the Town Hall. Article by Sheila Guilmartin was in The Times Ink.

6. Survey Status

Next meeting we will have the results and so will plan time to discuss the results and best to disseminate them.

Follow-up:

⇒ Barbara will prepare survey result report for the next meeting

7. Other TH Action Items

Meeting with other groups in Town to discuss their interest in the Town Hall and visiting other communities who have renovated buildings are two items still to follow-up on. The suggestion was made to consider holding a meeting with other groups to discuss their plans and possible interest in use of the TH. We want to be sure to develop complementary uses with groups like the Library. We brainstormed a list of other groups in Huntington:

- Library
- HERO (Don Sheldon)
- HHCT
- Café group (Dean Menke)
- Boy Scouts (Michel Gilbert)
- Church (Les Hutton)
- Huntington Valley Arts (disbanded, but perhaps there is still interest)
- Fire Department
- The Valley Stage (Don Sheldon)

We also reviewed the list of other communities from Ann Cousins at PTV (Brookfield, Ferrisburgh, Morrisville and Brandon) and added Jericho, Starksboro and Hardwick as other possibilities.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ We will discuss plans for meeting with other groups after we review the survey results
- ⇒ Barbara will circulate questions developed for visiting other communities to get comments

8. Other topics

• Flea Market

Amy discussed the possibility of holding a flea market to coincide with the church chicken barbecue on September 12th. There was discussion among the committee about how best to organize this – what has been done in the past and how it might be organized in the future, and some concerns that we not collect a lot of items, as we just cleared out the building.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Amy will contact Alison Forrest about how the flea markets were done in the past and how much money they generate. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

• Fire Extinguishers

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Aaron will check with Ed Wildman about getting the fire extinguishers re-charged.

• Preservation Trust of VT Symposium

On June 4th there will be a PTV symposium on Energy Efficiency, Insulation and Sustainability for Historic Buildings. Barbara and Amy will attend.

Next meeting June 17th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm at the Town Hall