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Town Hall Committee Meeting Minutes prepared by Barbara Felitti
Thursday, June 17th at 7:00 – 9:00 pm – meeting held at the Town Hall

Present: Aaron Worthley, Terry Boyle, Amy Dohner, Barbara Felitti, Linda Fickbohm, Jim Christiansen, Alison Forrest

Summary of discussion:

1. Events at the Town Hall

There was a lot of discussion about the possibility of holding different types of events over the summer. Alison provided good background about Bingo and the flea market. Bingo was not very successful, in part because it was not clear if it was an event for serious Bingo players or a family-style activity, and the two groups did not mesh. Discussion on the flea market was about the best way to organize it (collect items over time or rent tables) and the time involved, as well as the benefits of having an activity on Sept 12th when there will be the chicken barbeque at the Church. The following was agreed to:

- For each event, we should be clear on what the objective – fundraising, getting people into the building to generate support.
- For fundraising, it could be easier and provide better focus to fundraise around a specific need/item, e.g., repair second floor windows, install a toilet. The conditions assessment will help us to identify priorities.
- It is too late to plan for summer activities, but we could consider a “month of activities” or clustering some activities before/after the Sept 12th event, when people are back.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Terry will work on the possibility of organizing some type of arts and crafts event at the TH on Sept. 12th
- ⇒ Further discuss Sept. 12th and any related events at next month’s meeting.

2. Open House

The Open House on May 29th generated a few contacts and interest including a contact at VPR – VPR might provide some type of support for grass root efforts for performance spaces. An email list of contacts was generated which can be used to inform people of events. It was also decided that we would like to keep some type of permanent display related to the Town Hall and historic buildings

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Need to assign responsibility for working on a smaller, permanent display.

3. Septic

Dean Grover and Nils Smith will be able to help with assessing septic capacity on the Fuller property. The next step is a site walk-over. Aaron will coordinate.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Barbara will contact Marty Fuller about setting up a time for a site walk-over.

4. Windows

Terry spoke with Eliot Lothrop who said it would cost \$500 per window to re-glaze and repair windows upstairs.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ We will wait for the condition assessment report to develop priorities for repairs, which will include the windows.

5. Survey

The results of the survey were discussed. It was decided that we should develop a short, one-page summary, and then make the report available via the Town of Huntington website and copies at the library and Town office. The survey generated a list of about 20 contacts of people who are willing to teach classes. It was decided that we are not ready to meet with this group and discuss holding classes, but that we should be in contact with them to thank them for their interest and let them know what our plans are. We will also request a meeting with the Selectboard to update them about the results and next steps.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Barbara will develop a short summary and circulate for review.
- ⇒ Amy will develop a list of contacts from those who would like to teach classes, and contact them.
- ⇒ Barbara will contact Ed Wildman about getting put on the SB agenda.

6. Meetings with other groups/communities – Reviewed a list of questions (generated by an earlier group of the TH Committee) to discuss with other communities who have undertaken similar projects and came to consensus on the main questions. Briefly reported on discussions were held with The Valley Stage and the Ferrisburg Grange Hall, and participation in a meeting with HERO.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Ferrisburg a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 22nd at 10:30, contact Barbara if interested in going.
- ⇒ Barbara will update list of questions for meeting with other communities based on discussions.
- ⇒ Amy will contact Hardwick about meeting.

7. Other

- **Sign** - Amy suggested getting a sign for the building to help make it more visible to the community.

Follow-up:

- ⇒ Amy will get information about the cost of a sign and then we can further consider the idea.

- **Funding Opportunities**

Preservation Trust grant awarded the grant for \$250 towards the condition assessment. Amy still trying to track down the Woodsmen of America.

Next meeting **July 15th, 7:00 – 8:30 pm** at the Town Hall