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Huntington Town Hall Committee Meeting, October 20th, 2011

Minutes by Aaron Worthley

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

1. Debrief/updates from Town Hall Open House

- Terry and Linda provided a recap of the Open House event held in conjunction with the Barbeque. There was a small turnout for the open house
- 20 minutes of oral history was recorded
- Hilton & Lorraine Jones expressed interest in sharing history- **Mariah will follow up**
- Ideas for increasing attendance were discussed: craft sale, invite others to hold events hosted by the TH early in the season.
- **Next meeting: discuss calendar/planning for upcoming year**
- Hope to increase number of events next year

2. Building maintenance & renovation projects

a. Front Doors

- Estimate from Birdseye for a new front door was over \$13,000 all agreed not to pursue this option
- **Look into manufactured options such as Brownell: Mariah will check into it**
- **Barbara will let Ann Cousins know we're still exploring door options**
- Terry may paint door

b. Other priority repairs

- Randy Richland did electrical work during Craft Camp, has submitted bill to Dan for payment
- The THC did not authorize, nor was consulted on electrical repair, although it was acknowledged it was done on good faith to remedy a potentially dangerous situation
- **Terry will talk to Randy about a proposal for evaluation/inspection of the entire electrical system and identification of immediate safety issues**

c. Composting toilets/greywater information

- No discussion- noted receipt of email chain regarding composting toilet information

d. Close-out of sign project (letter to HHCT?)

- Wood & Wood has been paid for the sign
- Much appreciation to HHCT for the donation supporting the sign purchase
- Methods of displaying appreciation to HHCT were discussed, it was agreed that eventually a plaque will be installed thanking ALL donors. Until then, a small sign may be hung during events thanking HHCT. Also considered buying ad in Times Ink or writing letter to the editor- do decision until after article/photo of sign is published.

- Barbara will write letter to HHCT thanking them for the donation

3. 2012-2013 TH Committee Budget

- Discussion of budget proposal for next fiscal year, due soon to Selectboard
- Discussion included port-o-let costs, actual mowing/yard maintenance costs
- Agreed to level fund operating budget, request additional money (approx. \$10,000) for priority maintenance items including exterior painting, roof trim repairs and roof painting
- **Barbara & Aaron will look at estimate for painting and woodwork numbers, Barbara will circulate proposed budget and submit to SB**

4. Building Upgrades & Overhaul

a. Updates on revisions to overall estimate

- Tom Barden is having surgery, revisions tabled
- **Aaron will work on reconfiguring estimate spreadsheet later in the winter to detail priority levels of various work**
- **Amy will send around digital version of estimate spreadsheet**

b. Planning & prioritization grant

- Discussed matching planning grant from the Hart Foundation
- Tommy Thompson, architect recommended by Ann Cousins
- Barbara will call Hart & Thompson to discuss procedure, anticipated outcome, necessity, etc

5. Grants & funding opportunities

- Committee discussed and will consider a retreat/planning/working meeting to be held at an undetermined location. This would be a longer work-focused meeting with a format different than the regular monthly business meeting.

6. Other business

- Discussed the need for the meeting leader to transmit minutes to Heidi following approval
- Linda will lead November meeting. The order of leaders following is: Amy, Terry, Mariah, Barbara, Aaron.