

Hyde Park Historical Society Meeting: October 19, 2010

The meeting opened with a discussion on the possible up grade of the bathroom at the old Grange Hall. We were able to determine the approximate cost of installing a handicap facility.

We then discussed other projects to work on for 2011, they include the following.

1. Up date bathrooms.
2. Repair upper porch.
3. Install a fire escape on the north side of the building.
4. Have an engineer review condition of building.

For 2012 we would like to work towards a secure room, in which we could keep important documents and items of historic value which we might want to display for the benefit of the town. We are going to need at least \$12,000 in order to complete our projects in 2011.

Carl Fortune has checked with Attorney Jim Mahoney relative to an easement for the fire escape and will report at the next meeting.

Harold and Carl will present the Select Board with a proposal for or funding for 2011.

Harold and Carl will also check with Select Board about the alcohol policy. We have had a number of people who wanted to rent the hall but decided against it because no alcohol was allowed. Perhaps we can set our own policy.

A request has been made to have the "Old Timers Night" on September 11, 2011 and possibly include a square dance at the same time.

Carl Fortune offered an idea to generate more interest in the Historical Society. It involves bringing many of the older folks together and gathering some of the stories as to why they came to Vermont and Hyde Park. We then would have an evening in which the story maker could tell his or her story to the crowd. This would have some of the characteristics of "Old Timers Night." This will be a project that we will work on for 2011.

We also had a suggestion of using the hall for such things as estate planning seminars and other privately driven programs that can help the public.

The next meeting will be April 27, 2011. Don't forget and be sure that you are there. I will try to send our normal advance notifications to everyone before the meeting. All I need to do is remember.

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Respectful submitted,

Harold L. Bailey, Secretary