



Hyde Park, VT

Historic Sites Committee

(a work committee of the Hyde Park Town Planning Commission)

MINUTES

Monday, August 26, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Held at Gihon Valley Hall, 5503 VT100

Members: Lindsay Reese, Liz Courtney, Monica Heath, Al Spitzer, Andy Race, Laura Race
Guests: Nathan Peters, Northern Roofing and Construction
Staff: None

Municipal Planning Grant

- Lindsay has been reviewing the grant application
- Liz will set up a Google Drive for sharing of background documents
- Discussed some outstanding questions we have for Seth regarding the grant and the application process
- Lindsay and Monica & Jim will attend tomorrow's Eden Selectboard meeting along with Seth Jensen from LCPC to answer any questions they may have about co-applying and hopefully get their approval
- Note: Jim Heath submitted his resignation from the committee due to other commitments.

Repairs

- Nathan Peters from Northern Roofing and Construction visited to see the building. He's interested in bidding on the project and will visit the town municipal office this week to connect with Ron to get set up as an approved vendor. Nathan feels he could do the project this fall after our open house event.
- There's a support beam in the basement that fell over and needs to be put back in place and reinforced. Al will investigate further.
- Lindsay is going to speak with Bruce Cubit about potentially helping us remove a broken window for repair.

Committee Member Roles

- Liz suggested we start to define committee member roles as we're getting more active.
- Lindsay, Andy and Laura confirmed their interest in being "official" committee members and there were no objections.
- Liz volunteered to be official committee secretary responsible for communications, marketing, minutes, and programming outreach.
- We identified the need for a treasurer to be point person for any purchase requests and tracking donations. Monica said she's invited Alli, Town Finance Director, to attend our next meeting on 9/9 to give us guidance, and then we'll determine who will lead that role.
- The committee identified Al as the best person to lead on facilities (repairs, etc.) given his expertise. He did not object.
- Monica noted that she will attend the "red house" foreclosure auction on 8/27 just in case we can learn more about the fate of the property next door.
- Everyone was encouraged to think about their skills and what they might like to lead on moving forward.
- We discussed how the Lanpher Library, given Amy Olsen's interest in our project, might be a resource for storing historic papers and items in the short term until the building is better equipped for year-round, secure storage of historic items.

Fall Meeting Schedule

- We agreed to continue meeting on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month throughout September and October, with the 2nd at the town office and the 4th at the Gihon Valley Hall. 9/23 will be a post-event clean up. In November we will resume once-monthly meetings at the town office.
- Clean up and repair efforts, etc. in the meanwhile can happen on an ad hoc basis. Liz is going to get an extra key and Andy will hook up the lock box for easier access for all committee members.
- Side note from Monica: by 8/29 the legal appeal period ends, and we should have the deed to the building in hand shortly thereafter

Event Planning

- We officially ratified our decision (made during our clean-up day on 8/18) to postpone our open house event to 9/22 to allow more time to prepare and to tie-in with Hyde Park's Home Day weekend.
- Discussed layout of the room including where to set up history display (Monica & Jim) and projector (Dale) and future display with email sign-up sheet (Liz).
- Liz, Lindsay, Monica and the Races will all contribute to the bake sale, both at Home Day and during the Open House. Liz will circulate a sign-up sheet, so we know who's making what.
- Agreed that Friday evening 9/20 would be a good set-up date.
- Liz is still hunting for a food vendor; several have responded saying they are unavailable.
- Liz has confirmed musicians Abby Sherman and Christine Malcom as performers, and Lesley Grant possibly as well. Committee voted in favor of asking for \$200 total from the town events budget to pay performers. Liz will follow up with Alli to confirm how to get request approved.
- At next meeting we'll discuss specifics for Home Day.

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.