

**Old Town Hall Preservation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 - Meeting time: 7 pm**

**Call to Order @ 7:00**

**Secretary's Report 10 mins**

February 1<sup>st</sup> minutes ready to be turned into the Town

February 15th minutes to be reviewed

Bruce made a motion that we accept the minutes with alterations, seconded by Grace, and our roll called showed all were in favor.

**Financial report 10 mins**

**Includes:** Savings account, donation account, income expenditures

After a meeting with Betsy, Sherry shared with the committee that we can't go beyond our allocated \$16,000, so they will be in close contact and running their own spread sheets. Everyone's concern at this point is about rising fuel prices. We have taken a few measures to cut our costs at the OTH. We set the thermostat to 50, shut off Propane furnace 2nd floor, doors to first floor and second floor room stay closed. We use less electricity because we don't run the dehumidifier in the basement as had been done.

Donations in the Old Town Hall Restoration Fund currently total \$2777, and we want it to keep going up!

We currently have \$165.87 as a balance given funds allocated for Nancy Barba's consultation and report.

**Old/New Business: 40 mins**

**Administration:**

*Letter for donations* – Hannaford, Walmart, Poland Spring

We are taking the letter we wrote and sent to local businesses and adding content from our recent grant and sending special letters of requests for donations to Hannaford and Walmart. We also want to approach Poland Spring and will be making a special request from them.

*Fund raising ideas* – Quilt, Afghan, cord of wood? MMA decision

Cords of wood, \$5.00 a ticket. We will talk to folks in town who might be willing to donate cords of wood for our raffle.

In September we plan to hang both of our raffle items in prominent places in town. The quilt will be at the Municipal Center office, and the Afghan possibly at the library. With our annual OTH Open House in October, we felt was another opportunity for folks to see our raffle items and continue to buy tickets.

We have heard back from the MMA and they do not allow us to use a GoFundMe page as a fundraising method due to the fee they charge which takes away from the proceeds.

We will promote our different raffles on our Facebook page.

The group will consider doing a fundraiser at the 4th of July fireworks show. TBD at a later date, possibly a table with raffle items and tickets for sale.

*Shopper's Guide Ad* - to update the community

Our last ad in the Shopper's Guide thanked folks for their votes and donations to date, and the committee covered the cost of the ad.

*Facebook page* - A once a week update commitment!!

We are advocating to the town to take on an electronic method for paying bills and giving donations within the town. People are asking for it. We know that people on our page have been asking for an electronic method of some kind be initiated. All committee members are page administrators and so can share in uploading pictures, giving fundraising updates, celebrating awards of grant monies, OTH events etc...

*OTH Resource sheet* -

This resource was created and shared with the Select Board and submitted to the town.

*OTH Graphic and cost* - This topic has been tabled until after construction.

*OTHPC Meeting with the Select Board* -

We have a meeting with the new Select Board this Thursday @ 6 pm to work out a new bid package. At their meeting they reviewed 2 bids, one that had come in the prior day's mail (late) and one that was walked in that day. They found both to not be appropriate

### **Update on Grants:**

1. Stephen and Tabitha King- Asking for \$25,000, submitted.
2. Narragansett Foundation - Asking for \$75,000, submitted.

Many thanks to Laura Sprague who is a grant writer, who reviewed and edited our grant. A thank you note will be sent to her noting her speed and professional expertise in helping us to improve our grant writing.

NEXT: Belvedere Historical Preservation Energy Efficiency Grant - due June 1st

LATER: Save America Treasures Grant (SAT) Grant Program through the National Park Service.

### **Maintenance:**

*OTH projects waiting for warmer weather*

1. Window repair - Beacon Building Supply / Paradigm windows and we have serial #'s
2. OTH Front Doors – green paint has been purchased and stored.
3. Stairs and ramp repair – simple repairs only at this point. Stairs and ramp may (?) stay during construction.

4. Limington Town Hall Sign - atop of the front of the OTH building's northwest corner - At what point do we have this historic sign repainted and reaffixed to the building. When we have the OTH building lifted, we can ask that group to take down the sign for repair.
5. Table Dolly purchase - We have tabled table dollies for now, given that our energy as a committee must be solely focused on raising funds for the new OTH foundation.

These projects and purchases along with landscaping would be nice, yet if the building is going to be under construction by this summer, then these projects should wait.

Sherry and Bruce purchased 2 bulbs and got all the lights on the first floor of the building to work. Thank you to the Beety family.

**Review Action Plan for next meeting May 3rd, 2022 @ 7 pm**