

Hancock Meetinghouse Oversight Committee

Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2022

Minutes prepared January 14, 2022; Submitted by: David Drasba

Present: Tom Shevenell, Gary Ryer, Dave Drasba, Tyler Howe

Absent: Neal Cass, Kurt Grasset.

1. Meeting began at 8:05
2. Dave had solicited proposal for painting three sides of the Meetinghouse from 15 painting companies, but only received two proposals.
3. The committee reviewed the two proposals, one from Stebbins Spectacular Painting LLC from Marlborough, NH and one from S&C Painting Inc. from Jaffrey.
4. The committee voted unanimously to proceed with S&C Painting Inc. for painting the east, south and west sides of the meetinghouse, painting the fire escape on the north side of the Meetinghouse, for installing siding vents at the west side of the Meetinghouse, for repairing and/or replacing the wood trim at the bottom of the east and west sides of the Meetinghouse and for painting the flagpole on the Common (to be paid from the Common Commission's budget).
5. Dave will notify the two companies of how we are going to proceed.
6. The committee reviewed the budget and work plan for 2022. Since the exterior painting came in over our estimate, we will move two items to 2023. These are: the slate repair of two missing slate tiles and rebuilding the wood ladder to the bell tower.
7. Dave and Gary removed one cracked floorboard just inside the center entry door. They found that the floor-boards have been sanded down, as part of the refinishing process of the decades, so they are less than ½" thick. Dave will add wood stiffeners to the bottom of this cracked board to prolong it life. The committee will need to continue to monitor the condition of the lobby floor. While not an immediate need, this floor will need to be replaced at some point in the future.
8. The first-floor lobby floor was schedule to be refinished last year and this has been moved to this year's budget. The refinishing will use a screening method rather than sanding.
9. Dave will try to obtain a proposal to replace the exterior door from the first-floor meeting room to the fire escape.
10. Dave and Tom are working to get a grant from the Hancock Improvement Association (HIA) for improvement to the first-floor meeting room. This would include: room darkening window shade, relocating the track lights currently above the stage and a new projection screen and projector.
11. Dave will update the 2022 budget and forward to committee members.
12. The Oversight Committee will be chaired in 2022 by a committee member from the town, effective in March.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 am.