

Hancock Meetinghouse Oversight Committee
Meeting Minutes
Friday, June 2, 2023
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Members Present: Neal Cass, Dave Drasba, Gary Ryer, Tom Shevenell, Ginger Smith

Member Absent: Amy Wilson

Staff Present: Jonathan Coyne (Town Administrator)

CALL TO ORDER

Dave Drasba called the meeting to order at 8:06 a.m. in the church office.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Ms. Smith moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 3, 2023. Mr. Ryer seconded the motion.

VOTE: Voting in favor, Cass, Drasba, Ryer, and Smith; no votes against: abstain, Shevenell. **Motion passed 4-0-1.**

WIRELESS ACCESS POINT

Mr. Coyne explained that the Town is installing equipment to provide wireless access on the common. If other options don't work, the town would like to install the unit on the Meetinghouse. The committee looked at the outside and determined an area near where the electrical enters the building would be best. The committee agreed on this location and asked that any cable be as least intrusive as possible.

BUILDING UPDATES

- The following is an update on the work being done by S & C Painting
 - The fire escape door for the Town Hall has been ordered
 - Front door work is done
 - The kitchen ceiling will be done by Old Home Day
- We were contacted by the company that installed the lightning system. They did a complete inspection. The UL certification is expiring soon. It was decided that the system should be inspected every 5 or so years and should be done when the next round of steeple work is done.

FUNDRAISING FOR MEETINGHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

The Meetinghouse Committee would to raise \$21,100 for the projects as outlined at previous meetings. The plan is for a third to come from Hancock Improvement Association (HIA), a third from the Putnam Foundation, and a third through a fundraising campaign will all funds going to HIA and then being granted to the Town. Any funds beyond the goal would go to a clock fund

to be established by the Town. A draft letter to HIA with this proposal was shared with the committee.

There was discussion about the items stored in the horse sheds and it was decided to reach out to the NH Preservation Alliance.

The committee will meet next at the end of summer to plan for next year.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Neal Cass