

TOWN OF MASON
TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING

A meeting of the Town Hall Renovation Committee (“Committee”) of the Town of Mason was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 5:05 p.m. at the Mason Town Hall.

The following persons were in attendance for all or a portion of the meeting:

Committee Members: Jim Dore, Pam McGinnity, and Ken Rafter, and Wally Brown

Select Board: Selectman Pete McGinnity, ex officio non-voting advisor to the committee.

Mason Energy Commission: Joe Harney

Resident: Mike Bromberg and Marty Milkovits

Committee members absent: Barbara Devore and Connie Lacasse

Approval of Minutes

The Chairman inquired whether there were any comments with respect to the draft minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting. There being none, on motion duly made by Pam McGinnity and seconded by Ken Rafter, all of the Committee members present then voting, it was unanimously

Resolved: that the minutes of the December 15, 2021 meeting of the Town Hall Renovation Committee are hereby approved.

Additional Committee Members

Ken identified two residents interested in joining the Committee, one Marty Milkovits who is present and the other is Tom Delisle who could not attend the meeting today but remains interested.

Pete will have the appointment papers drawn up for approval at the next Select Board meeting and after approval is received will have provide a set of appointment papers to Deb Morrison who will have them for execution by the new members.

Committee Funds

Jim reported that cash in the bank as of January 14, 2022 is approximately \$19,000 which includes the receipt of the initial \$5,000 from the state which is currently held in the town general fund account.

The Drainage Project

Jim reported that the town has received the initial \$5,000 Moose Plate Grant payment from the State of NH and he has the signage for the award which we are to display at the town hall. Future payments will be dependent on completion and submission of additional paperwork at that time.

The BOS has approved and signed the acceptance of the proposal from Earthworks by LeClair and Sons Inc. in December 2021. The BOS encumbered \$6,000 under the 2021 budget for Maintenance and Repair on Government buildings. This along with the monies in the bank and the remaining Grant payments will provide sufficient funds for the project and Mr. LeClair has added us to his spring schedule.

The next project for the Town Hall Renovation

After the drainage project is complete our plan is to replace the damaged piers supporting the building and replacing the Windows in the Town Hall

- a. Replacing the old piers currently sitting on dirt with 4 or 5 mini-foundation (concrete pads). Will need an engineer to look at and recommend pad design and determine if pressure treated lumber will be sufficient. Wally noted that the old original beams/piers are in good shape but it was the newer beams added that are the problem.
- b. Restoring the Town Hall Windows and adding new storm windows.

Once we have shovel-ready projects and after the drainage project is complete we will begin raising funds for these two projects.

Our plan is to apply for a T-Mobile Home Town Grant. We can apply for up to \$50,000 grant for historic building restoration purposes. Application periods are open on a Calendar Quarter Basis but the project proposals must be for a “Shovel ready Plan”. We will also need to obtain up to 5 letters of support from community and government

Other Business

Mason Resident Questionnaire is still on hold pending Jim’s update. Jim will complete a draft for distribution to the committee for review.

New Business

Minutes approved at the Town Hall Renovation Committee Meeting Held February 16, 2022

Mike Bromberg informed the committee that he was present at the meeting due to his inability to contact the committee via the Town's website to express his interest in a donation towards the renovation of the town hall. The donation has some restrictions and requirements that would have to be met and he provided documents with those restrictions and requirements from a previous donation made to another organization. Jim will work with the town accountant, Brenda, and the Select Board to determine if we may accept the donation subject to those requirements.

Next meeting:

Wednesday February 16, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

Meeting Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion duly made by Pam McGinnity and seconded by Ken Rafter, all of the Committee members present then voting, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting.