

TOWN OF MASON  
TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE  
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2022 MEETING

A meeting of the Town Hall Renovation Committee (“Committee”) of the Town of Mason was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022 at 5:06 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, Barbara Devore, Pam McGinnity, Marty Milkovits, and Ken Rafter, and Wally Brown

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

Mason Energy Commission: Kathy Chapman

Committee members absent: Connie Lacasse

**Approval of Minutes**

The Chairman inquired whether there were any comments with respect to the draft minutes of the January 19, 2021 meeting. There being none, on motion duly made by Barbara Devore and seconded by Wally Brown, all of the Committee members present then voting, it was unanimously

Resolved: that the minutes of the January 19, 2022 meeting of the Town Hall Renovation Committee are hereby approved, Barbara Devore abstained from the vote as she was not present for the January meeting.

**Additional Committee Members**

Marty Milkovits signed his appointment papers and was present for the meeting.

**Committee Funds**

Jim reported that cash in the bank as of January 14, 2022 is approximately \$14,000.

**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. Wally indicated that he would post the sign.

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No updated on the scheduling of the work, still dependent on the weather.

**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. We discussed contacting contractors for the window replacement, possibly Windows Masters in Vermont and companies in Waltham MA and Dublin NH. No decision to be made at this time. Will update at next meeting.

Mr. Dore asked Kathy Chapman if the Energy Commission had any information that could be helpful for the Committee's Window project. And mention their work with New Hampshire Saves. She will look into what they have a report back if they have any information or contacts that might help.

Mr. Dore to research historical requirements for the Window replacements in order to qualify for historic grants and also any effect on future State Grant's like LCHIP if we run afoul of the historical requirements if we don't use the historical grants for the Windows but still want to apply for those in the future. Would it disqualify us from future grants?

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

**New Business**

Barbara reported that Julia Stinneford is still our reporter from the Monadnock Ledger-Transcript.

Barbara led discussion on the free band available from Greenville and plans to have a free concert this summer at the gazebo at Mason Town center to feature a performance by a Peterborough musician known by Charlie Moser.

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Barbara will check into having Renovation project information available at town voting and meeting in March.

**Next meeting:**

Wednesday March 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 Barbara Devore and seconded by Pam McGinnity, all of the Committee members present then voting, it was unanimously resolved to adjourn the meeting at 5:35 PM.