

Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Committee

January 27, 2021

via Zoom

Present: Sue Bracy, Margaret Watkins, John Stevens, Enid Larsen, Don Larsen, Curt McDermott, Beth Boucher

Start: 7:03 PM

Approving November meeting's minutes: No additions or corrections. Motion to approve by Enid, seconded by John. Minutes approved

Budget Report: Margaret reported that Selectman Dave Nault (not present) had spoken with Gary and Dennis, who stated that some of the big items in the architectural firm's budget were contingencies accounting for worst case scenarios. Dave said the Town would cover our own contingencies. Architectural firm's cost has been pared down. Gary will verify the numbers with which Dennis disagreed, including the cost of the LULA, and is working it out currently.

Next steps: Receive actual specifications and construction drawings. Dave recommended we retain Dennis to come up with the specifications, and a final budget number that is feasible. Dave's recommendation is put the out to bid prior to Town Meeting 2022, so we can have a realistic number for the town to vote on.

Question to ask Dennis:

1. LULA for stage, could it be a lift or just a ramp vs a LULA?

Need to figure out where and toward what items the donations DTHRC will be requesting can be put. First step, get the final specifications. Then determine donation items. Enid reported that a resident has offered to donate a LULA suitable for stage access.

2. Will there be additional charges for Dennis to do the additional work? Yes. We will need to use monies raised in the past for restoring the 2nd floor to community use.

We will need to approve the amount for his time before we contract with Dennis to do this.

Note: Keep in mind potentially donated services from community members and others to involve in the project.

Outreach updates:

Banners are still up despite the weather and look great.

Enid has begun work on a blog. She recently sat down with Bill Zeller who shared stories about the town hall, as well as a few pictures. The story has been written up as a blog and it's ready to go live on the website. Enid asked for committee members to read and provide suggestions.

Enid also interviewed Alison Vallieres, who shared her recollections and also had pictures.

Dave Nault has said he would also be interviewed, as well as a number of others. Enid is continuing to do this, and plans to write a blog/month.

Curt offered to lend video equipment to Enid's interviews. Enid and Curt will coordinate interview filming if possible.

Margaret will check to see if interviews could be held on the second floor of the town hall.

Committee members agree to continue to add names to the spreadsheet and update their interview progress.

Curt will add a column to the spreadsheet to include people who are willing to volunteer and how.

Enid's blog will be added to the DTHRC website and Facebook pages (Dunbarton Community and DTHRC). Link any posts to both FB pages.

Other business:

Poll, "what kind of events would people like to see up there?" on FB. Could we re-do the survey? Or use the data we collected last time and put that out to our website and social media. Mix of how the upstairs has been used in the past and a vision of the future. Add this to Enid's blog and any other website, social media.

"Let's Get Back Upstairs" - tagline of the committee. Banner has brought in phone calls by people interested in volunteering on the project.

Meeting ended.

Next meeting: February 24th, 2021. 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Well wishes sent to Shelley and her family.

Motion to adjourn meeting: Don motioned and Curt seconded.

Adjourned 7:42 PM

Respectfully submitted, Beth Boucher