

Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Committee Meeting February 24, 2021
Via Zoom

The meeting was called to order at 7:06PM

Present: Chair Margaret Watkins, Selectman Dave Nault, Advisor John Stevens, Shelley Westenberg, Sue Bracy, Janet Casey, Don & Enid Larsen

The minutes for the January meeting were not available and will be approved at the next monthly meeting.

Janet Casey has joined the committee and was welcomed.

Dave Nault spoke with Dennis Mires, architect for the project, and said some of the contingency fund amounts have been reduced. Some estimates, as for site work, varied considerably between Gary and Dennis. Figures can't be finalized without additional specifications on HVAC system, dropped ceiling, and other project needs. Specifications for budgeting and bid purposes will be developed by Dennis in the next phase, which Dave hopes can be authorized next month. Dave said any of the contingency monies that are not used will be refunded. Dave also wants to review figures from Dennis for both the LULA and stage lift as his were considerably higher than bids the committee has received from several vendors. Enid stated Tom Cusano has offered a lift for use accessing the stage. In connection with donations, Dave indicated that donated items would be appreciated, but it may not be possible to have people donate labor for this phase of the project, which will be contracted out.

Enid Larsen and Curt McDermott have been making positive progress with interviews and video taping local citizens talking about their memories of events that have taken place upstairs of the Town Hall. Dave suggested we announce the videos under Hot Topics. John Stevens said the town office is in the process of changing the host for the website to make it more user friendly. Margaret said she will contact Line to be sure the DTHRC website link to video and blog posts will be listed under Hot Topics.

Other outreach: The March 9 town meeting will be in person with approximately 100 people allowed to attend in the gymnasium area. Any more that that will be seated in designated classrooms. Both areas will require all attendees to wear a face covering and observe social distancing. There will also be a special election to be held in April (primary) and on June 8. As in November, there will be no displays allowed, but it is hoped by the November election manned display tables will be permitted.

John said the Old Home Day committee is hoping it may be possible to hold the event this year, possibly in mid-September.

It was agreed to have Don Larsen order three more banners to add to the two already on display. There will be 2 two-sided banners and 1 one-sided banner. All of these will be rotated throughout the Dunbarton area. Don will watch for any special deals from the banner company and put in the order when one comes along. Suggested sites to display the new banners included the Transfer Station, the intersection at Montalona Road and Dunbarton Center Road, and Black Brook Road and Rte 13.

The next Zoom meeting is scheduled for March 24 at 7:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

Respectfully submitted,
Enid Larsen