

14 November 2022

Athens Brick Meetinghouse Meeting minutes

Members present: Sherry Maher, Candace Damon, Ginger Maciejewski, Pamela Russo, Janet Perry

Prior month meeting minutes approved with a motion made by Pam and seconded by Sherry. Motion carried.

Updates:

The Open house held on November 6 was very well attended. Visitors from Athens and surrounding towns stopped by for a tour and showed a lot of interest in the improvements made so far.

New Business:

Ginger and Jay Maciejewski have again donated a Christmas tree for the Tree lighting, scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 27 at 5:00 p.m.

Committee member expectations:

The committee discussed a draft from Sherry of basic expectations for each member previously shared with the committee including meeting attendance, sharing in the work of the committee ranging from seasonal events to grant writing, communication and being an ambassador for the building and its value to the community (see Basic Expectations noted below). Candace made a motion to adopt these as policy for the committee, with the amendment that numbers be added (i.e. attend at least 9 of 12 regular meetings, actively participate in at least 4 of 6 seasonal events) to fulfill basic expectations for committee members. Motion was seconded by Pam and the motion carried. As technology issues prevented Janet from participating in this discussion, and in light of her absence without communication for the great majority of meetings this calendar year, committee members asked that prior to or at the December meeting, Janet let the committee know her thoughts on these basic expectations and if she intends to run for a second term on the committee. Sherry will communicate this to Janet.

Restoration Goals:

Plans for storm windows, floor leveling and a moisture barrier have already been sent to VDHP for approval. Next goals include: painting and repairs to plaster, having the floors cleaned, sanded and refinished and repairing the hole in the ceiling panel in the vestibule.

The first level of researching an ADA accessibility grant was also discussed for future plans as well as considering participation in the Lakehouse seminars put on by Preservation Trust Vermont this spring/summer.

Next Meeting:

12/12/22 at 10:00 on Zoom.

Basic Expectations for Meetinghouse Committee Members:

- Be an ambassador for the Meetinghouse and its value to our community.
- Regularly attend committee meetings.
- Be an active and attentive participant contributing to meeting discussions and decisions.
- Participate in and/or support in other ways, the events regularly held at the Meetinghouse.
- Share in the work of the Committee with regards to events, fundraising efforts, grant research and writing, event promotions, etc.
- Communicate with Chair and/or other committee members if unable to attend a meeting or participate in an event.
- When not in agreement with decisions or direction the Committee is taking, address concerns or questions within the Committee either during a meeting or via email to the members.
- If a member becomes unable or unwilling to fulfill the basic expectations for the committee, inform the Chair and/or Select Board of the need to appoint a replacement.