

February 19, 2020

Athens Brick Meetinghouse Minutes

Members present: Sherry Maher, Janet Perry, Jon Lindblad

Guest: Ginger Maciejowski (taking minutes)

Meeting called to order at 6:38 p.m.

1. Motion to accept Jan minutes made by Janet seconded by Sherry.

2. Pictures were shared of Monday's work to remove chimney from the attic of Meetinghouse. Chimney was successfully removed by work crew Sherry Maher, Don Capponcelli, Sandy Capponcelli, John Oberling, Ginger Maciejowski and Nathaniel Noyes on Feb. 16. Bricks were saved and stored on the property.

3. Annette Dey said that she would be able to finish up drawings to proceed with permitting for \$250 - \$350 keeping it within the \$1500 previously approved. Trusses were over designed from the start so will be more than adequate for what they are doing once they are secured in place leaving option to pull a few in at a later time. Annette outlined a strategy to do this that doesn't involve expensive scaffolding. Sherry will present this to the Select Board tomorrow night. Motion was made by Janet and seconded by Jon to have Annette go over the plan and make any changes keeping the cost within the original \$1500 and present this to the Select Board for approval.

\$2500 will be requested for this year's town budget for maintenance and upkeep.

4. Discussion of Historic Marker for the Meetinghouse. LaVoies are considering gifting .2 acres of land to the Historic Society. The Historic Society is not in a position to own property but the town might be. Proposal from an earlier discussion with them was to clear land on the corner to facilitate views of the Meetinghouse when approaching from Townshend and put Historic marker in this location. Janet brought up the idea that people may stop to read the sign and it may be a liability due to the sharp corner approaching the sign. She suggested that we might put signs on the sides of the road approaching from both directions saying Historic Marker ahead as well as the sign on the property. Could there still be an agreement between the landowner and the town to clear the land on the corner? Wood could be donated to someone in town who needs firewood.

5. Events for 2020 Plant and Bake Sale Saturday May 23 Quilt Show and Craft Fair Saturday June 20 Sunday Ice Cream Social with Baroque Quartet on a Sunday afternoon in July or August date to be determined. BBQ possibly on weekend of September 19&20

6. Other Business Cynthia Woods grant was passed to Candace. Thanks to Jon for his years of work on the Committee. Potentially Meetinghouse meetings will take place on Mondays at the Town office at 1 p.m. from now on.

Motion to adjourn at 7:35, made by Sherry seconded by Janet.

Next meeting March 16, 2020 at 1 p.m.