

Acworth Historical Society Minutes 12/10/24*

*This meeting took place one day after our regularly- scheduled meeting was postponed due to inclement weather

Present: Darci Carril, Doug Robinson, Mary Lou Robinson, Alison Ferrell, Ann Kosa, Kathi Bradt, Lindley Hanson, Helen Frink, and Lillie LeBlanc

Kathi called the meeting to order at 4:30

Minutes of November 11th: accepted

Treasurer's Report

November beginning balance: \$22,881.94

Income: \$2,900.62

Expenses: oil delivery, postage, mowing \$768.97

Ending balance. \$25,013.59

Response to fundraising appeal: mailed 251 letters, received 19 responses, total of \$1,960.

We now have 30 members!

Mailing company bill from company in Claremont, under \$400.

To keep Non-profit status, we must do one more mailing within two years

Turnaround Barn progress:

Mary Lou volunteered to putty and paint. Helen reported the windows have been repaired and reinstalled by Ken Gagnon.

Village Store State Register Plaque

Ann presented the plaque. Kathi asked if there was a plan to install it.

There is no plan as of yet to location. Ann mentioned she could take pictures of prospective places and send them around.

Generator

Helen thinks the project would cost \$18,000. The store has \$9000, and the AHS is giving \$5000. Helen recommends committing \$7,000 from 2 grants to the Acworth Community Project that came from the Acworth Trust. She will request \$6,000 from the Cogswell Benevolent Trust who also contributed to the Church fund back in 2009.

-NH Generator Installers: Kohler 20KW \$14,835 - includes piping, but not propane tank

-Jim Lawrence: 22 KW generator \$14,275 (does not include propane tank or piping)

-Will Starks 24 KW Generac Model EGD-7210-KIT-QP, 2023 estimate of \$9,379 does not include propane tank or piping

-Irving: estimated \$3,000 cost for propane tank

When should we buy the equipment? After we find out if we have a grant. Hopefully, we should find out in January.

Helen is starting grant funding applications this year. Mascoma Bank doesn't consider small projects like the generator. They require a total project cost of at least \$25,000. 1772 Foundation gives a max of 10,000 - requires a match. Look at a larger project, perhaps roof or chimneys, involve 1772 and Mascoma.

Who needs to see the grant application? Kathi mentioned the Board ought to see it. Alison suggested members who hold an office. Kathi thought it would be a good idea to post the application on the website.

Village Store Historic Building Assessment is still in draft form. It is a 30-page package including photographs of the store's condition, and the flooding from 2021 and 2023. Helen is hoping local builders will participate in store rehabilitation. Alison can post it on the website, with the caveat that it is in draft form. Helen suggested we post the document without including costs. Lindley thought it was a good idea to post it to make people aware of what the project entails.

Helen heard back from the Charitable Gaming Commission's local representative. We are on the list of charities that can profit from their funding. Nonprofits receive 33 to 35% of the profits from days they assign us at the casinos in Keene and Lebanon.

Helen joined the NH Center For Non-Profits as an officer of our Historical Society. She will register for a planned giving workshop in January describing soliciting gifts from donors' estates or appreciated stock.

Event Planning: Gail Golec "From State to Granite" Saturday, January 4

Time- 4 pm Place: Town Hall.

Alison is handling Publicity: Website, Facebook, posters, the Acworth Newsletter.

Lillie will send out an email asking members to donate refreshments.

After yesterday's storm, it was discussed that we need a better way to communicate. We need phone numbers and designated members to contact others who don't use email or our website. Alison will circulate an updated contacts list.

Next meeting is Monday, January 13th, 4:30 pm at the Town Hall

Meeting adjourned 5:19 pm.