

## **Town Hall Preservation Committee**

Meeting minutes

October 28, 2021

Present: Paul Baines, Brad Foley, David Grogan, Betsy Steen, Brett Thompson, Sarah Stapler, Rachelle Tome and Nicole Briand, Town Manager.

The Committee was called to order and members present provided introductions. Current committee members are Paul Baines, Brad Foley, David Grogan, Betsy Steen, Brett Thompson, and Rachelle Tome.

**Officers:** Following a motion by Sarah Stapler, seconded by Paul Baines, the following officers were selected unanimously:

- Chair: Brett Thompson
- Vice Chair: Betsy Steen
- Secretary: Rachelle Tome

Those present toured the Town Hall inside and outside, to the degree possible. Brett and Paul (along with other interested community members) planned to return at a later time for a more thorough review.

**Committee Purpose & Goals:** It was suggested that repairs be prioritized around 1) stabilization, then 2) moving forward. There was discussion of current activities and avenues for support, such as grants. Betsy mentioned a matching possibility involving the Bowdoinham Historical Society. Possible ideas for fund raising were shared, including a Quilt calendar or online holiday auction.

The group discussed what success would look like with this project. Thoughts included stopping the decline, restore weak areas, return to active use. Nicole will pose this question and others to the group for their ideas related to setting priorities and a vision for the building prior to the next meeting.

There was a brief discussion of email rules for town committees and a reminder to get required FOAA training. Resources will be provided. Members spent time discussing the history of the building. Anyone with information should send it along to Nicole so it can be compiled.

**Regular Meeting Date/Time:** The group discussed the need to meet frequently at the onset, in order to determine a work plan and fundraising needs. Next meet will be 11/17 at 4:30 pm.

### **Agenda Items for Next Meetings**

- Discuss Work Plan

**Next meeting: Wednesday, 11/17 at 4:30 PM in the Kendall Room.**

The public is welcome.