

Town Hall Preservation Committee

October 19, 2022

Committee members present: Chair-Brett Thompson, Mark Dube, Brad Foley, Sarah Stapler, Betsy Steen, Rachelle Tome

The Committee was called to order at 4:35 pm. Minutes from 8/24/22 were distributed and reviewed. Motion to accept from Sarah/Betsy; Passed- unanimously. There were no minutes for September as the committee did not meet.

There was a brief discussion regarding the need for public notice since this is a Town Committee. The next meeting was set for November 16th at Merrymeeting Hall. Rachelle will ensure notice is posted as required.

Updates

- A. **Preservation Timber Framing-** No report yet. We're hoping information will be available for our November meeting.
- B. **Celebrate Bowdoinham-** It was reported that a total of \$3200.00 was raised during Celebrate Bowdoinham. This included money from the auction and donations. Many people stopped by the tent to look at the information and pictures. Several added their names to a sign-up sheet for those interested in helping in some way. The "Circa" plaque did not raise any sales. More will be discussed under fund raising.
- C. **Future fund raising-** Betsy is planning to work with Nicole to prepare the 2023 Town Hall calendar. The plan is to have pictures of the Hall throughout the years. Hopefully, we can have some available for sale at the Artisans Guild, which will be at the Town Hall during December. Betsy offered to check on having a space where we can have the model made by Sarah, along with cards and calendars for sale. She'll also check on having a space at the Bowdoinham Community School Craft Fair.

Ideas were discussed for increasing interest in the Circa plaque. It was suggested that they be painted black with gold lettering. Samples could be made for the Coombs building, Town Hall, Merrymeeting Hall and the Jellerson School. Brett offered to contact Paul. Sarah volunteered to paint the plaques.

- D. **Next Steps-**
 - a. Determine status of the roof work
 - b. Determine work timeline, spring dates
 - c. Create a draft construction plan
 - d. Identify a volunteer coordinator

e. Determine other items needed

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- a. Budget
- b. Volunteer liability?
- c. Fundraising

Motion to adjourn (Sarah/ Betsy), approved unanimously at 5:20 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, 11/16/22 at 4:30 PM at Merrymeeting Hall. The public is welcome.