

## **Town Hall Preservation Committee**

June 22, 2022

Committee members present: Brad Foley, Betsy Steen, Brett Thompson-Chair, Rachelle Tome, Darren Carey Community members: Kate Brinsmade

The Committee was called to order at 4:30 pm. Minutes from 5/18/22 were reviewed. Motion to accept from Betsy/Brad; Passed- 3-yeas; 1-abstention

### **Committee Updates**

- A. Betsy Steen- Betsy shared information related to the upcoming concert on the waterfront scheduled for 6/26/22. The theme will 1823, based on be foods from Sam Hayward will be making chowder. There will also be cornbread, salad, and Washington cake, along with apple cider. Volunteers for menu items and servers were discussed, as well as plans for set-up. The Friday ladies from the Bowdoinham Historical Society (BHS) have offered to assist. Betsy will contact Earl regarding tables. Proceeds would be designated for the Town Hall. Etsy will report earnings at our July meeting.
- B. Brett Thompson- Brett met with the folks at Banana Banners regarding help with making small wooden Town Hall replicas (similar to Cat's Meow figurines). They indicated that someone would need to get a picture of the Town Hall. They would then be able to create a sticker that would adhere to small wooden structures. Brett volunteered to create the structures and would see if others would be willing to assist. No one was designated to take a picture.
- C. Paul Baines- Paul was not in attendance. Darren did share that the Selectboard had agreed to move forward with the Committee's proposal. The Town is currently waiting for the contract with Belvedere Historic Preservation to be finalized. There is hope that information gleaned may help with future grant requests.
- D. Fundraising- BHS provided funding from earlier earning to support the work with Belvedere Historic Preservation. Betsy outlined several possible donations and agreed to provide an update for the July meeting. The report will also include earnings from the Chowder Supper.
- E. Publicity- Rachelle submitted an article for the Bowdoinham News with committee updates. The new funding thermometer created by Brett has been placed in the Town Office driveway. Committee members will continue to find ways to share pictures and activities.

## **Next Steps**

The group is waiting for information from Belvedere Historic Preservation and will determine next steps.

Betsy will provide an update on fundraising.

Motion to adjourn (Brad/ Rachelle), approved unanimously at 5:16 pm

**Next meeting: Wednesday, 7/20/22 at 4:30 PM at Merrymeeting Hall.** The public is welcome.