

Town of South Hero
South Hero Meeting House - Renovate & Adaptive Reuse Project

Date: Thursday, Nov 4, 2021
Steering Committee in person & on speaker-phone

Call to Order: 3:00 PM by David Carter - Chair

Attendees: David Carter-Selectboard, Mary Harwood - Town Consultant, Pamela Surprenant, Michael Carroll, Sarah Kjelleran (by speaker-phone), Terry Robinson, Beth Curtis-Granny's Attic, Sandy Gregg-PC

Absent: Carol Tremble, Michael Breault, Nate Hayward

1. Introductions

2. Update on Fund-Raising:

- **\$17,931.46** Town of South Hero General Ledger/White Meeting House Current Balance
- **Two (2) pledges** have been made that total \$6,200
- AARP Grant Application due Nov 11th: Winter Place-Making Grant.
 - A. Concept: Working Title "*Winter Place*"
 - B. *Date: February 12th*
 - C. *Activities* will include but not limited to:
 - Walking Tour from Worthen Library to new Rec Park behind The Meeting House
 - Ice Lantern-Making
 - Ice Bubble-Making
 - Snow Sculpture Contest
 - Snow-shoeing/walking on trails already cut in the woods behind the open field
 - Movie projected on side of Meeting House
 - Bonfire - oversight by SHVFD
 - Hot Dogs & cocoa - Scouts
 - D. Letters of Support from: Selectboard, Planning Commission, Library, CIDER, Rec Commission, SHLT. Tasked to S. Gregg
 - E. Potential award = \$4,000

3. 501(c)(3) Update: Mary Harwood reported on behalf of George Harwood

Need the following:

- Mission Statement & description. Sarah K. reported that www.SouthHeroFoundation is available so she was tasked with getting that. SHF would support historic structures preservation & Community Building Events.
- Name: Working name: **South Hero Foundation**
- Officers: President: Michael Carroll
Vice President: Sarah Kjelleran
Treasurer: Pamela Surprenant
Secretary (until she finds another person to do it): Sandy Gregg
- By-Laws - find simple template online

4. Arnold & Skangus Visit Update

- Monday Nov 1st at 3:00 PM Rebecca Arnold, an Environmental Engineer, and 2 Structural Engineers visited the Meeting House.
- The first floor room would be ~ 36 ft X 38 ft.

- The addition would add ~ 34 ft X 20 ft to the back to house the elevator, kitchenette, bathroom(s) stairs etc.
- The building needs to be jacked up/raised and a new foundation set to go below frost line. Since that depth is 4 ft and the floor is 2 feet above the ground level it seems only prudent to add another 2-3 feet to get a functioning full storage area below the first floor. It would not have windows and would not be habitable space but fine for storage.
- Terry R. asked if the foundation would have the same look as the current one. Ans: yes.
- A&S will need access to: the tine ceiling above the south bay. Ann Zolotas will have Butch Maxham expose an area.
- A&S will need access to the belfry. Ann Zolotas will have Butch M. deliver a suitable ladder.
- A&S report with estimate ranges and phases is due in February. A&S is aware the sooner we can get set costs the better for fund-raising.
- Nate Hayward is working on a Rec Park layout with traffic flow pattern etc.
- The petition between the 2 bays was put in 1953.
- Michael C. spoke about reusing the old growth timber and board feet. We must be sure it doe not get lost!
- David C. found the original Deed dated March 29, 1856. Digital copy will be sent to committee members. Sandy G. tasked with this.

5. Other Matters - PR & Outreach

- How do we keep the momentum going?
- Beth C. suggested a ***“Did You Know”*** idea. The idea is 2x/month in The Islander and/or on FPF a Did You Know...this about the Meeting House would appear along with reminder about fund-raising and the www.SouthHeroMeetingHouse.org site for donating. Ideas included: About the 1856 Deed, the original Grannies (photo in the BiCentennial Museum, Collecting Stories about the building, the former uses of the building etc.
- David C. mentioned the ARPA funds the Town is receiving could be used toward some aspects of the project. There are 66 criteria...it has to fit somewhere!

6. **Next Meeting:** Monday Dec 13th, 4:00 PM at Town Office

7. **Adjourned:** 4:00 PM

Respectfully submitted by,
Sandy Gregg, Scribe