

Town of Bridgewater
Committee to Save the Bridgewater Village School Building
Minutes of August 20, 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

Location: Bridgewater Grange Hall
Date: August 20, 2018
Time: 4:30 PM

Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:34 PM by Brian Bontrager.
Brian welcomed the visitors.

Present: Brian Bontrager, Hank Smith, Bill Young, Vicky Young, Collen Doyle
and Joni Kennedy

Visitors: Michael Caduto – Sustainable Woodstock, Alice Paglia, Jim Harrison –
State Representative, Kaitlynn Knapp - Artistree, Kathy Dolan – Artistree, Robert
Buchan

Brian asked for a motion to approve the August 13, 2018 meeting minutes. Hank
made the motion to accept the meeting minutes and Bill seconded it. Motion
passed.

Bullet Points of the meeting:

- Transitioning the Building into a Community Center
- Hank reported that we are officially incorporated as a non-profit in the State of Vermont. **“Bridgewater Area Community Foundation, Inc.”**
 - Look at our Town Plan and Regional Plans – How the building may be able to serve some of the local and regional needs. Our town plan does encourage Day Care
 - Discussion regarding preparation of tri fold brochure – Artistree offered to help with lay out. Other communication ideas were discussed. Video/Facebook
 - Sustainable Woodstock is advising on how to make a revitalized Bridgewater Schoolhouse sustainable, energy self-sufficient, and resilient so that the building could serve as an off-grid emergency center for the Town of Bridgewater in the face of future extreme events like Tropical Storm Irene in 2011, and the ice storm of 1998.
 - Joni shared about her meeting with Lauren Skaskiw and the tour of the Plymouth Pre-School and Community Center located in the Plymouth School

Building. Here is a link of a promo video that was done regarding it

<http://okemovalley.tv/plymouth-community-center-promo>

- Discussion on process involved in relocating a Post Office
- Planning for Select Board Meeting on August 28, 2018

ACTION ITEMS:

- Brian will contact Engineering and Construction Firms to get proposals for the cost to do a complete assessment of the building.
- Brian/Bob Haynes will compile a list of available State and Federal grants that would be available to us.
- Joni will reach out to the Food Shelf and The Norman Williams Library
- Kathy Dolan – Will touch base with John Hansen – Prosper Valley School, look at possible programming ideas, and connect with Change the World Kids

We would like to thank all of the visitors who attended today's meeting in support of our town and community.

Our next meeting will be on Monday, August 27th at 4:30 pm at the Bridgewater Grange Hall in Bridgewater.

Brian asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:05pm and Bill made the motion and Collen seconded it. Motion passed.

The Committee meets once a month on the first Tuesday of every month at the Bridgewater Grange Hall at 4:30 pm.

We invite community members to join us at our monthly meetings as we welcome your thoughts and ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

Joni Kennedy