

Town of Bridgewater
Committee to Save the Bridgewater Village School Building
Minutes of September 4, 2018

DRAFT MINUTES

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

Meeting was called to order at approximately 4:38 PM by Brian Bontrager.

Present: Brian Bontrager, Hank Smith, William Young, Vicky Young, and Joni Kennedy

Visitors: Michael Caduto - Sustainable Woodstock, Kathy Dolan- Artistree and Alice Paglia

Correction to the agenda: Should read - approve Minutes of August 27, 2018

Brian asked for a motion to approve the August 27, 2018 meeting minutes. Hank made the motion to accept the meeting minutes and Bill seconded it. Motion passed.

Bullet Points of the meeting:

- Hank reported that Form 1023 to establish non-profit with the IRS should be able to filed within a week
- Brian met with John an architect from Middlebury and showed him the School. He will be submitting a proposal for the cost to do a complete assessment of the building.
- Request that our Presentation to the Select Board on August 28, 2018 be put on the Town website.
- Confirm that we are on the agenda for the Select Board meeting on September 11, 2018. It was suggested at the August 28, 2018 Select Board Meeting that we should follow up with the board at their next Select Board meeting in regards to our presentation.
- Discussion around Board Members (between 7-9 members) and an Executive Director
- Discussion around brochure

- Discussion about making the Schoolhouse resilient, sustainable, and energy self-sufficient so it is able to serve as the Town Emergency Shelter/Center in extreme events
- Letter received from Lauren Skaskiw
- We are in the process of getting two (2) proposals for the cost of Engineering and Construction Firms to do a complete assessment of the building to present to the Select Board
- Discussion regarding keeping a dedicated open space in the School House that could be used for all sorts of classes, programs, yoga, dance etc..

ACTION ITEMS:

- Brian is coordinating getting the proposals for the cost to do a complete assessment of the building from the Engineering and Construction Firms
- Joni will follow up with the Food Shelf
- Review 501 (C)(3) application at our next meeting
- Brochure

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 Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 4:30 pm at the Bridgewater Grange Hall in Bridgewater.

Brian made the motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm and Bill seconded it

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