

Attendees present: Peter Richardson, Ginny Raub, Peter Smith, Bill Campbell, Kathy Norton, Nate Merrill, Don Briselden and Kristen Murphy. The meeting Convened at 6:10 pm

Storage of Historic Items

Peter Smith expressed a need to store some items at Raynes Farm. Storage anywhere in the barn that has the overhead floor would be fine. It was thought this would be a great thing for display for public events onsite too. Based on past procedural requirements, the Stewardship Committee felt it would likely need a lease from the Board of Selectmen to the Historic Society. The lease should include a provision that the town and the farmer maintain no liability for the items stored there. It was also suggested that we check with the town's legal counsel to be sure it is OK for the BOS to enter into two leases for the same property. Kristen agreed to draft the lease and send electronically for review.

Roof Repairs

Kristen presented that earlier that day the budget committee voted to support the inclusion of up to \$22,000 for repairs of the Raynes roof in the Conservation Commissions budget request. The Commission will be submitting an application for a Mooseplate Grant in April to help offset the costs and an additional \$8,000 will come from the Raynes Citizens account.

Drainage Improvement Updates

Nate provided an update to the Committee. The estimate provided by the first contractor far exceeded the grant amount. Nate spoke with NRCS and they recommended some alternatives points of contact. Don Briselden also recommended we contact Phil Auger as he has had experience working with contractors on this type of project. Kristen agreed to reach out to both Phil A. and the references NRCS provided to obtain several estimates.

Door Replacement

Kristen stated that Jim Klingsmith with Seacoast School of Technology would have students available to build a replacement door for the barn. It was recommended that the door be painted before it was installed. Ginny agreed to help with the painting.

Outreach

The committee discussed some potential options for outreach. Events suggested included a winter snowshoe, historic tour, another painting/art session with the Arts Committee. Nate also suggested we reach out to John Hunton of Coppell House Farm in Lee. He offers horsedrawn sleighs and we could open the barn for cocoa.

Long Range Development Plan Project Update

The committee reviewed the list of projects listed in the long range development plan. Kristen agreed to update the document and email it to the Committee.

Next meeting: Target meeting again before Deliberative Session. Meeting adjourned at 7:15

Respectfully Submitted,
Kristen Murphy