



**1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse Committee  
Tuesday, February 22, 2022 6:30 PM  
at 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse  
1862 Route 106, Perkinsville VT  
Meeting Minutes**

1. BJ called the meeting to order: 6:35 pm

Roll Call: BJ Esty, Dottie Richardson, Matt Keniston, Alison Roth

2. Approve minutes from previous meeting of January 25, 2022 ; Matt moved and Dottie seconded, we all agreed to accept the minutes.
3. Financial Report – BJ handed out the new budget. BJ has talked with Steve Hier about it. Matt had been keeping up his own spread sheet since we began this project, but ever since Darlene left a year ago, we haven't gotten a running list of the money incoming or used that is clear. Instead we receive a consolidated amount, so how can we agree that it's correct if it's not itemized? We would like more details with the numbers we are getting from the Town and not just a consolidated number.

Here's an example where we think the numbers are off: The ramp grant match happened two years ago, it does not make sense that this is on FY '22. The invoice was paid over a year ago. Also, Town Manager Brandon told us a year ago we had \$26k in our account. From the numbers we looked at today, we think we should get \$7k back into our account.

Also, we have a question about the phone and the alarm system. We never got a consolidated alarm system. Why is this listed? The only purpose for the phone was for a temperature alarm and we are not getting the service. How did this fall between the cracks?

We agreed we need a more detailed report, which we were getting in the past. There should be separate columns to let us know where we stand with what we've spent, and what's come in. BJ noted that with the change in financial managers, the reporting changed. BJ will make an appointment with the new financial person and see if we can get the old style reporting back, or at least something that is clear. Matt suggested going back to old records to demonstrate what is useful. BJ and Matt will confer and will schedule a meeting with the town office to discuss.

4. BJ also handed out our budget for FY 2023, which starts July 1, 2022. For maintenance we will have a budget of \$5k (this includes oil, electricity, cleaning, grounds upkeep). For Renovations we have \$3,400 to work with; for Internet and phone, \$1,600.
5. Matt: Chuck Guartino and John Esty have been volunteering on Fridays to work. The three of them have been getting a lot done. The Belfry wheel is back from Osgood, it has a coat of paint, and Matt will get another coat on it shortly. Also re: the Belfry: Matt and Chuck re-floored a section of the attic floor and re-established the old ladder that went up, so we can now access the Belfry.

RE: the Floor in the north Classroom – Matt called a company in Cornish, Mother Earth Hardwoods, and they responded quickly. They met with Matt last Saturday to look at the floor; they would be willing to offer their services for free. They gave a quote of \$11k. What they want is a receipt for services in kind from the town, that is for a tax deduction. Matt called Brandon to see if the town would do this. We are waiting to hear. Question: Do they need something from a bon-a-fide charitable society (503C like the Food Shelf or Historical Society) or from a not for profit organization like the town? To be determined.

Next meeting date: March 22 at 6:30 pm

Agenda: Financials, Work Progress, Next Steps

Motion to adjourn: Dottie moved, BJ seconded - All were in favor.