

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

1. BJ called the meeting to order: 6:45 pm

Roll Call: BJ Esty, Dottie Richardson, Bev Strobl, Alison Roth

- 2. Approve minutes from previous meeting of February 22, 2022 ; Dottie moved and BJ seconded, we all agreed to accept the minutes.
- 3. Financials. Since our last meeting, BJ met with Gail MacKenzie, the accountant for the Town of Weathersfield, who answered some of the questions we had at our last meeting. The Consolidated Communications Bill (for an alarm system) was coded incorrectly in the town records; our 1879 Schoolhouse pays VTEL, not Consolidated. So we were refunded \$369.98, and that amount has been added to our account.

BJ handed out copies of a financial report from Gail that listed incoming and outgoing financials. We would like a report like this monthly.

We have not gotten a bill yet from Osgood for the welding of the belfry. And there are bills outstanding from Bibens. We should be getting a credit re: the Belfry Grant and BJ will follow up on this.

Matt's report via BJ (he was not able to attend this meeting): The Belfry is all complete. The ringer is installed and it works. (Dottie tried ringing the bell and yes, it worked!)

The countertop is installed, it needs to be sealed and treated to be complete.

BJ said we are very close to getting our occupancy certification.

The Mother Earth Works Company from Cornish plans to work on the floor in the North Classroom on Monday and Tuesday, April 11 and 12. They will do the work for free. The Weathersfield Historical Society has agreed to submit a letter to the company to acknowledge the work is being done. Because the Historical Society is a 503C, the company can use their letter as proof of making a charitable donation to get a tax write off.

BJ noted that the Committee needs to get the info out about the floor work being done on Facebook and the website once it happens.

New Business: We will schedule a volunteer work date for outside work at the Schoolhouse in May.

Matt and BJ plan to meet March 28, Monday night, with Town Manager Brandon and the insurance people to discuss using funds provided to the town from the American Rescue Plan Act; we have ideas re: installing safety equipment for the building, perhaps a sprinkler system or an air filter system. BJ will report on results of the discussion at our next meeting.

RE: the paving for the ramp - it's on the Town's list to do.

Finally, major thanks go to Matt Keniston and all the volunteers as well as the taxpayers who supported us over the last seven years or so of this project. We are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel!

Next meeting: April 26th. 6:30 at the school.

Agenda: Old Business: re-organization meeting, progress report, financials, May work date. New Business: set timing for an occupancy permit visit.

BJ motioned to adjoin at 7:30; Bev seconded. All agreed!