



**1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse Committee
Tuesday, May 18, 2022 6:30 PM
at 1879 Perkinsville Schoolhouse
1862 Route 106, Perkinsville VT
Draft Meeting Minutes**

1. BJ called the meeting to order: 6:40 pm

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

2. Tabled Approve minutes from previous meeting of April 26, 2022 until they are completed with input on financials.
3. Financials. Steve Hier is out of town for a few days, the numbers for financials are being reconciled, BJ will bring a financial report to our next meeting. Matt checked up on the Osgood bill, it came and was paid by the town.
4. Matt noted that the Dan Foster House has gotten a grant for historic renovation. He said he thought we should not count on getting another grant immediately since the town of Weathersfield has gotten a lot of attention lately from the State Historical Society. We can still plan ahead for next year however.
5. Volunteer work day was a success! The walkway was completed with Shurpack put down, the door is done, the ground was super-seeded with grass seed, and Matt has cleaned up a lot of things in the building. Dottie cleaned the soap stone sink and plans to put linseed oil on the granite counter. BJ said they also touched up the paint on the ramp. With the work being done on the lawn, the Food Shelf people need to stop using the front door for deliveries, starting immediately. Everyone, including delivery people, will need to use the ramp entrance from now on.

BJ asked if we needed another work day – Matt suggested the end of June for a possible date. Matt sent an email re: a full occupancy site use visit, an inspector named Moody will be coming. Matt has not heard anything yet about a date.

6. ARPA funding: BJ said there was a discussion started at the Selectboard meeting, but the Selectboard, John Wright and town manager Brandon need to come up with a priority list for town buildings, probably by next month. So we are on hold for the amount of money the Schoolhouse will get from ARPA. We should hear an update next month about ARPA funding.

7. Discussion about our priorities for the Schoolhouse and whether it would be wise to check on pricing for things we thought most important, like a sprinkler system, which we all agreed should be a priority. Representative John Arrison had said at the meeting on Monday night that another phase of the ARPA funding will be to make buildings more efficient. It would be good to be prepared to have a project for that, there is plenty that needs to be done.

For example, Dottie asked if the Food Shelf room could be fixed up with ARPA funding. The answer is yes, but we agreed that the Sprinkler system still would be first priority.

More discussion re: the importance of care and maintaining of the building once our committee is dissolved. A Stewardship Committee will be formed to take over the building once our job is done. It's taken seven years to get to this point.

Matt will follow up again with Inspector Moody about a full Occupancy use permit visit.

We had a discussion on the slate blackboards currently in the Food Shelf room. Alison will check with the Historical Society to see if they would like them. We will not use them in the Schoolhouse. Alison will also follow up with the Historical Society with the status of the Grange Curtain, which the Society has stored in the barn of the Dan Foster House and which we had agreed we would hang in the North Classroom eventually.

8. Next meeting date: Wednesday, June 22, 2022

Agenda for that meeting: Old Business: Financials, ARPA funding, Full Occupancy Permit, New Business: Open House

Matt moved to adjourn and BJ seconded. All agreed! Meeting ended 7:50 pm.