



PLUMTREES SCHOOLHOUSE & LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November, 19, 2007
7:00pm
CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room “A”

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PRESENT: Leroy Staib, Charles Hurd, Charles Steck, Edwin Rockwell, and David Morgan

CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: L. Staib called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mrs. Floyd Leach, P.O. Box 492, Shaftsbury, VT 05262: Sent a letter stating that she had attended the school for first grade. Enclose were an article about another one room school house and pictures.
- Alton Oriomoske, 2 Bennett Road, Canterbury, CT 06331: Sent a letter stating he had worked on the restoration the Canterbury School. He invited the committee for a visit.
- James Roberts, 6 Taylor Road, Bethel, CT 06801: Sent a donation to be used for the bell or general purposes.
- Brandon Lenox, 10 Allen Way, Bethel, CT 06801: Requested permission to construct and place a sign/map shed with information regarding the school house. The project is part of the requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Building

- a) Jacking up the Floor: The floor has been jacked up approximately 1 ¼ inches. Discussion took place regarding further elevation of the floor.

2) Wainscoting: Work Continues.

3) School House Bell: The bell has been purchased and will be hung with existing hardware at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) National Historic Preservation Status

- a) L. Staib has investigated the process of applying for National Historic Preservation Status. The first step is to gain State status which the School House Received. In addition, L. Staib has spoken to State Representative David A. Scribner. The process will continue.

2) Grant Opportunities

- a) There was a discussion of the process and opportunities for obtaining grants and funding for the restoration of the school house. In addition, other fundraising ideas were discussed.
- 3) C. Steck made a motion, which was seconded by E. Rockwell, that the Commission Treasurer should receive a financial report from the town Comptroller 5 days before each regular meeting. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

As there was no further business on tonight's agenda, C. Hurd made a motion, which was seconded by E. Rockwell, to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,


Shani Burke Specht,
Recording Secretary