

**Old Town Hall Preservation Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 6th, 2022**

**Call to Order**

**Secretary's Report**

October 4th minutes have been submitted to the town  
November 1st minutes have been amended and submitted to the town

**Financial report**

**Includes:** Savings account, donation account, income expenditures (see separate page)

We are happy to report that the construction on the foundation of the OTH is on schedule and on budget!!

The town gave us \$150,000. (Town meeting March 5, and Special Town Meeting June )

The OTHPC raised \$10,000. (NNOF grant)

\$6,209. 65 (donations to date, including most recent from PW Sprague)

2022 operating budget \$ 9,026. 34 (money unspent to date, being careful and thrifty!)

Bottom Line is that we have \$ 175,236 for the renovation.

**Old/New Business:**

**Administration:**

The Wood and Afghan Raffle drawings have happened. We want to thank EVERYONE who bought tickets supporting the raffle and our cause of raising money for the foundation construction.

\* Congratulations go to **Laura Letellier** for winning the lovely afghan made for us by Bobbie Braley.

\* Congratulations go to **Donna Ballingall** from Hollis Center and **Ana Abbott** of Limington for winning a cord of wood each, donated by **Skip Murray** of LP Murray & Sons, Inc.

The Quilt raffle is still going and tickets are still available at the Municipal Center.

The Quilt raffle drawing will take place at the Selectman's Meeting on December 15 @ 7:00pm

**Review Grants:**

We are pleased to announce that we received a donation from the PW Sprague Memorial Fund for \$1,000.00. This philanthropic group supports worthy historical restoration work in the area and wanted to support our efforts to date.

We have sent in the *Letter of Intent* for the 1772 Grant. To date, we have not heard anything back from that funding group.

The application for requesting Harold Alfond funds is a work in progress at this time. We will share more specifically about the grant and its focus when we have submitted the application.

The new grant, The Betterment Fund, has three submission dates within a year. Grants that you submit in March are awarded in June; grants submitted in July are awarded in September; grants submitted in November are awarded in February. Our goal is to have a grant submitted to them for March 2023.

### **Construction Update:**

Rick has encouraged us to think of things happening in stages. On the parking lot and back side of the OTH, the footings and forms are in and they are ready to pour the walls now. With Rick Irons and the Merry Movers, we have a great team. We are on schedule for the work to be done in 8 weeks or so mid/end of January.

### **Group Discussion:** HVAC : what the OTH really needs

1. The chimney that goes with the oil furnace is not safe and should not be used in any capacity.
2. We must have heat in the building ASAP, for the water pipes, and the Parks and Recreation program.
3. We are now requesting quotes from 3 potential companies to prepare for and install the new direct vent furnace that we need to heat the OTH building.
4. J.P Carroll- We are going back to them. They gave us a quote for 1 zone of the building and we needed the quote to include 2 zones, so we are waiting for their updated quote.
5. Atlantic Comfort- \$36,560 is their quote, we want the system to be able to be operated manually as well as by wifi. They will furnish air ducts, and air conditioning can be done later.
6. New Energy Solutions- \$40,000. All work has been included in their quote and they have been to the building to see the job.

We believe that air conditioning is needed in the building given that this is a public building and a potential cooling center within the community. Air conditioning makes the building useable for the Parks and Recreation Department year round. Having air conditioning will also make the building more attractive and comfortable to people and groups that want to rent the building for functions in the future.

A motion was made by LJK to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by GD, and we all voted to adjourn the meeting for the night.

**Next meeting** January 3rd, 2023 @ 7 pm