Putney Historical Society Board Meeting 06/25/18 at 6:30PM

Present:Ruth Barton, Barry Stockwell, Carolyn Handy, Tom Jamison, Barbara Taylor, Lyssa Papazian, Maryann Toffolon

Secretary's report:

Draft minutes of the 05/21/18 meeting were previously distributed by email. A motion was made by Barbara and seconded by Carolyn to accept the minutes as presented. Motion passed.

Treasurer's report:

Tom reported savings account balance is $1,339.49, veterans memorial fund $16,149.10, church capital fund $5,129.54, church contingency account $5,693.59, operating account $1,908.14. Bills paid this past month include Next Stage rent, final tax return preparation $1,000, stamps, phone bill and elevator inspection bill from December. A motion was made by Lyssa and seconded by Barbara to approve the report as presented. Motion passed. Lindley will look at old meeting minutes to see if there is information about what the capital and contingency fund accounts are to be used for. Tom reminded us of recent loan to General Store for $3,500 is still to be paid back.

Old Business:

Maryann gave a walking tour brochure update, Leah will help with write up. No news on grant, today was notification day so probably not. How will we fund this now? Looking for about 2750. For graphic design, printing, website update. Maybe we could ask C&S to cover printing costs. A motion was made by Lyssa and seconded by Maryann to have PHS pay for walking tour projected costs up to $2,750. We discussed various options to raise funds for the project. Motion passed.

Here is the budget we proposed to AARP.

Total Expense $2,750.00

* Web site updates, $600.00.
* Facebook page updates, $100.00
* Graphic design of guides - $800.00
* Printing of guides - $1,100.00

Advertising - $150.00

New Business:

Lyssa reviewed General Store business activity compared to last year at same time, sales are better than last year.

Carolyn has several ideas we might consider.

1. We might want to have zoning ordinance meeting to determine rules for buildings in the designated historic district. Lyssa says there is currently some weak language covering that subject in planning commission documents.
2. We should develop a proposal to use the second floor of the town hall for our home.

Lyssa reminded us that to do that we would need an elevator/lift and second egress to meet building codes. Barb went upstairs last week and says the room and our boxes are very dirty. We need to make a proposal to selectboard and ask them for a long term commitment to use the space.

Barbara suggests we also need to log in new items that we accept as donations. Often people stop by during ur Saturday open hours and bring in items for the collection. Ruth reported that the Boy scout ribbons and flag came from Tim Fogg who was the last scout leader in Putney.

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A motion was made by Lyssa and seconded by Maryann to approach the selectboard to see if they would be open to a long term commitment that would allow us to explore the idea of renovating upstairs of Town Hall as our permanent home and exhibit space. Motion passed. Ruth appointed Carolyn to work on this proposal, with Lyssa to act as consultant. We should think about sharing the space with other groups as well. Federal funds might be available for an elevator from a state grant to renovate municipal buildings for ADA access.

Other Business:

Lyssa heard about a town that provides welcome baskets given to new home owners that includes a history of the house.

Barry – planning for annual meeting rollout should we do something to get people interested in the project? Next Stage is available for an event.

Lyssa heard that Fortnightly club is considering reprinting the 1953 town history.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm