

Orange Historical Commission

Monday, January 8, 2024 at 7:00pm

Meeting Minutes

Attendance: Gulley Dunlap, Gary Hamel, Donna Makarewicz, Anita Garland, Kathy Stacy, Dave Stacy, Tamara Fairbank, Robert Proulx, Sharon Proulx (Chair)

1. Review Minutes of 11/6/23 meeting. Tamara Fairbank motioned to approve minutes as writing. Anita Garland seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
2. Financial Report: As of Nov 30, 2023, checkbook balance is \$16744.32. Reported by Chair.
3. Update on the heating for 2nd floor of Town House
 - a. Estimate from Innov8tive was \$2600 + \$300 for copper piping if needed
 - b. Get cost estimate for heating the space
 - c. Bring costs to Selectboard for the budgeting consideration
4. NH Humanities programs– Donna Makarewicz will present a list of future presentations for discussion at future meeting.
5. Website tabled
6. Discussion regarding future plans for the Orange Historical Commission and assets.
 - a. Discussion ensued:

Reviewed town meeting minutes of 1992; Article 12 & 13 and 1995 amendment to Article 7

Arguments for remaining a town entity vs becoming a historical society

Legislation regarding donations, recognized or anonymous 674:44d

Organizing Commission with officers

- b. Kathy Stacy motioned to table decision until questions are addressed with NHMA, Dave Stacy seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
7. Discussion of town history using a small subject in a series format
 - a. Gary Hamel presented ideas for topics for individual books.
 - i. Vision of first book – photo and timeline introduction
 - b. Gary will maintain records of his time for compensation.
8. Acquisitions –
 - a. Cooper’s Tools: Donna shared information regarding cooper’s tools she has recently acquired at auction. If the commission is interested in owning the tools, she’d appreciate \$62 reimbursement.

Robert Proulx motioned to reimburse Donna \$62.40 for cooper’s tools. Tamara seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

- b. Display Cases: Donna presented 6 units up for auction, includes lighting.

Kathy motioned to allow Donna \$708 + cost of transport for purchase of 6 display cases (McGinnis auction). Tamara seconded, discussion ensued and the motion passed unanimously.

9. Date of next meeting: Dave motioned to meet 2/5/24 at 7:00pm. Sharon Proulx seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

10. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Tamara Fairbank