

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Buildings Committee
June 7, 2012 at 6 p.m. Old Brick Schoolhouse

Present: Tom Buttrick, Bud, French, Rob Germeroth, Warren Hammack, Susan Hansel, Eric Sandberg, Lisa Sieverts

Also present: Linda Cates, Betsey Church, Dennis Dellagrecia, Terry Mednick, Tom Murray, Max Nunnemaker, Barry Tolman, Val Van Meier

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Chairman Lisa Sieverts

Minutes of the last meeting were approved after the correction was made stating that the work on the town offices must be completed by September 30 rather than September 15.

The corrected minutes will be posted on the Town of Nelson Website.

Lisa Sieverts stated the purpose of the meeting was to set two dates for public meetings with Rick Monahon, architect, to gather information from the town residents for a plan to make changes or repairs to the Library, Town Hall and the Old Brick Schoolhouse. Mr. Monahon will be drawing up plans in fulfillment of a grant from the New Hampshire Preservation Alliance with matching funds from the town. This is separate from the work being done on the Town Offices to meet safety needs for town employees.

The date of June 27th at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall has been chosen for the Open Meeting date. Lisa reminded everyone that the goal of the architect is to listen and the hope is to get as many residents of the town involved as possible.

A general discussion by those present resulted in many suggestions, such as: this should be the beginning of a 50 year project; the Grant-funded project must be separated from the state-mandated changes; clarify security enhancement vs. future plans.

Lisa asked for suggestions for how to publicize the meetings and there were many creative ideas: Town Website; Grapevine; Meeting House; Facebook (I Love Nelson); Library sign-board; the Moving-in-Step newsletter; a Suggestion Box in the Town Offices. Eric Sandberg agreed to draft an article for the Grapevine.

There will be a second meeting with Rick Monahon in August (date to be determined) when he will present a plan to us and ask for feedback. Everyone is encouraged to think about what they want to see done with the town buildings and prioritize the list. It can then be decided what work should be done first.

Next meeting of the Town Buildings Committee: June 21 at 6 p.m. in the Old Brick Schoolhouse, to continue planning for the public session on June 27th.

Lisa invited anyone from the Committee who is interested to meet with the Cheshire County Grant Writer on July 22 at 2:30 p.m. in Keene. Susan and Lisa will meet with her.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hansel, Recording Secretary