

## **Schoolhouse Task Force**

Minutes of Meeting

August 6, 2014

**Present: Pete Czaja, Roger Frey, Susan Thomas**

**Public: Catherine Tarrant, Scott Tower**

### **Underhill Historical Society**

Scott Tower, President of the Underhill Historical Society, attended to update the Task Force on the Society's use of the Schoolhouse. The Town has leased space in the Schoolhouse to the UHS for storage of its materials. He reported on the success of the UHS Blueberry Social at the Schoolhouse. He also requested to be updated on the Task Force's progress in estimating building rehabilitation expenses. There was some discussion about multiple uses of the building and problems those might present. Catherine Tarrant, also a member of the UHS, is interested in joining the Task Force.

### **Schoolhouse Maintenance**

Pete reported that he and Roger attended a Selectboard Capital Improvements Program meeting on July 25 to affirm the Task Force's interest in the inclusion of the Dist. 5 Schoolhouse in the budgetary process. The Task Force will discuss the needs and put together its recommendations. Perhaps the line item for Schoolhouse maintenance in the budget should be increased. Exterior painting and repair will be a priority, and we are waiting for an estimate for that work.

### **November Election**

Pete reported there is a possibility of including a survey on uses for the Schoolhouse on the November ballot. The Task Force will work on formulating questions.

### **Ownership of Schoolhouse**

Roger raised the question of whether the Town should sell the Schoolhouse to the Historical Society. There was some discussion of the pros and cons of town versus private or other non-profit ownership of the Schoolhouse.

### **Schoolhouse Summer Events**

The Task Force-sponsored potluck will be held September 13 from 5-9 pm. The Task Force will put up posters and advertise on Front Porch Forum.

**Minutes:** Minutes of July 23rd approved.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wed., August 20, 2014, at the Old Schoolhouse.

Minutes submitted by Susan Thomas

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