

## Woodstock Town Hall Committee Minutes

August 15, 2022 Meeting

Members Present: Alita Wilson, Rich Kozlowski, David Green, Tom McCaughey, Bill Corson, Fred Hunt, and Phil Neuberg

Absent Members: Charlie Degener

Approve Minutes

Rich Kozlowski moved to accept the minutes of the June 15 meeting. Fred Hunt seconded, a vote was taken and the minutes were approved.

Agenda

Alita explained the purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the Preservation Plans for the Woodstock Town Hall provided by M+S Architects (M+S) and Lyssa Papazian, Historic Preservation Consultant (LP).

All the committee members present indicated they had read the plans. Phil, who coordinated the preparation of the plans, gave his thoughts. He suggested the cost of the proposals was not an issue as they both came in with near identical estimates. He indicated significant progress was made in getting the scope of the plans to match and to outline the specific costs involved. It was noted that the time line for completion was different, with M+S estimating November and LP not until early next year.

Comments were solicited from all the committee members. Phil felt the M+S proposal better suited our current need to resolve structural issues. David commented that he felt, if possible, we consider a local firm and because future work would involve a degree of historic preservation, he felt LP was the better choice. He also was concerned about the costs involved in travel time with M+S but it was noted that they were donating some of costs involved with travel. Fred offered that both firms had done a good job with their proposal but the M+S offering better fit our current need to resolve structural issues and that LP might have a role in the future when preservation efforts were underway. Alita commented that her initial impressions favored LP but having closely studied both proposals she now felt M+S was the better choice.

Rich asked if the committee should present both proposals to the Select Board but it was felt the committee should make the choice and inform the Board. Alita indicated that the cost of the study could be covered by Campaign to Save Town Hall donations redirected Pentangle. The Pentangle Board has since approved of the appropriation. She also felt that a decision needed to be made and submitted in a timely manner so that we could give our donors a progress report and start to consider grant opportunities.

A vote was called and the unanimous choice was M+S.

There being no further business Dave moved to adjourn. Rich seconded, a vote taken and the meeting adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

Fred Hunt