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Whitcomb Hall Committee
March 22, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Peter Johnson, Gail Wood, Sharon Greatbatch, Lee Dunham, Ann Bedaw, Michael Gomarlo, Gerry Bussiere. Guests present were Rick Robidoux Cheshire Builders.

Meeting called to order by Pete at 3:30 PM. Previous meeting minutes were reviewed and voted to accept.

Meeting discussed the many wonderful things that are happening to the venerable ole Whitcomb Hall. The volunteer demo job performed by Pete Johnson, Brad Brewer, David Johnson with assistance from Mike Gomarlo and Scott Self has been completed. Cheshire Builders have already begun work in the bathroom areas since demo.

Cheshire Builders is currently working to restore the front porch as the weather will allow. Some rot has been found around the roof line and has been corrected. Cheshire Builders donated Douglas Fir timbers for the floor joists on the porch that were removed from a school in Marlborough. Huge help to our budget. It was discussed that there is a possibility of the railing on the porch remaining at its current height if the grade of the ground is brought up higher. This of course will need to be approved by the building inspector. A material that is much more permanent than wood will be used for the floor, trim and new posts of the porch. Also discussed were the code requirement of the granite steps in the front and it appears that with the rebuild of the porch deck the steps now meet the requirements. Also discussed was the fact that the Sidewalk Committee has approved the installation of a new walk way in front of Whitcomb Hall with an additional portion of the walkway leading down to the parking area the cost will not come out of Whitcomb Hall funds but from the Snow Sidewalk Committee Trust, again saving us money. Scott Self has agreed to build the required railings for the front porch that lead down the granite steps. Thank you Scott for your donation.

The original "Whitcomb Hall 1916" sign has been removed and brought over to McKinney Sign company for Steve to redo at no cost to the hall, yet another savings for the hall.

Sharon Greatbatch has asked the committee to approve her husband's generous offer to install lovely molding on the bottom half of the walls in the large assembly room on the first floor to dress up the room. It was voted to accept Ken's generous offer to do this and to allow him to move forward with the wainscoting trim. Also accepted was Sharon's offer to paint the ceiling and walls of the large room again all this at no cost to the Whitcomb Hall Fund. Many thanks to Sharon and Ken Greatbatch.

Brad Brewer continues his generous donation of time and skills in the kitchen, building a pots and pans cabinet on a wall in the kitchen as well as open shelves next to the chimney. He also removed the existing sink and counter tops to make way for Mike Gomarlo's generous donation of a stainless steel sink that will meet code requirements for the public kitchen. Many thanks to Brad Brewer and Mike Gomarlo. Brad will continue his work in the kitchen by removing the back window and filling in the wall to make ready for the donated gas stove, hood, and fire suppression system. Brad is also using existing original floor boards to fill in air ducts that were removed from the old heating system in the kitchen and

large assembly room.

Pete Johnson and Brad Brewer will also be doing donated work in the front hall stairwells. It was agreed that a group of volunteers would get together and empty out the large assembly room making room for the painting and molding work. Sharon Greatbatch also made the announcement that Sherwin Williams has agreed to donate 11 gallons of paint for the Assembly room, very much appreciated.

All appropriate permits have been obtained. Pete Johnson and Lee Dunham will approach the Selectmen this evening and ask for additional money to begin work on the electrical service in the hall. The electrician of course will review existing wiring to make sure that it is safe.

The exterior painting of the building was discussed and the committee voted to go forward with preparing RFP for the exterior painting project. We will discuss this with the selectmen and let them know that we feel that this is important and that we should move forward with painting the building.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Next Meeting will be at DPW conference room on Tuesday March 29, 2016 at 3:30 PM