Meeting minutes: Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Committee  
Wednesday, October 23, 2019

Present: Sue Bracy, Bob Martel, Margaret Watkins, Beth Boucher, Curt McDermott, Don Larson, Shelly Westenberg, John Stevens, Advisor

Meeting minutes approved. Motion by Sue, seconded by Don.

Concert Series: Updates

Attendance has been steady. Unsure of the “secret sauce” to get people in the door.

Margaret mentioned the band “Bow Junction”- local band who plays in Contoocook.

Upcoming shows:

November 2: Cold Chocolate

November 16: Dave Richardson and Lisa Bastoni (potential cross-promotion with Spire Side, Curt will talk with Liz about this possibility)

December 13: Peabody’s Coal Train

Marketing outlets: Bow Times and Concord Monitor, Nora LeDuc (she is on the Concert Series email list and would like to have a month or two ahead) - Curt is sending notices to her 2 weeks prior and will get in touch with her sooner.

Concord Monitor “Next 48 hours” section - Curt will find out who the contact person is for that section.

Sue will contact Line to ask the Town “handy man” to replace the lightbulb in the entrance of the Town Hall Foyer (100Watt LED preferably).

Trustees and Architect Update

Trustees met in early October and agreed unanimously to put money towards “phase 3” work by architect: $15,000 (max) for schematic plans. Architect has all existing plans from phases 1 and 2, the list of necessities, and Clem and Dave described the updated ideas. The architect is sending separate costs for schematics and construction drawings.

DTHRC will then conduct an approval process on the final schematic, and the architect will create “construction drawings” for construction bids (e.g. electrician, plumber, lift company, H/VAC).

Note: Bob wanted to be sure the architect knows that the Town plans to take care of the updated electrical and fire suppression, and was told by a company who installs fire suppression for public buildings in the area said we may not need a generator - could be an area for savings.

Next steps: Waiting on draft schematic plan from architect. Timeline TBD

Fundraising Opportunities

Margaret will contact the Disabilities Council to find out if there are any grants to support ADA compliance for restoration projects or other public buildings.
Curt suggested, once we have an idea of what our total costs will be after the Town has committed to the costs associated with updated electrical and fire suppression, we can break costs into groups to find other funding opportunities. (e.g. lift/elevator, LEED certification for heating and cooling).

**LEED funding** opportunities for older/historical buildings, etc.

**Arts on the Common** (approximately $40,000 contributed so far)

Kickstarter when we have a tangible amount

**Local Fundraising events**- Bring back some of the Concert Series bands to play, possibly in the Summer of 2020.

**Don** mentioned getting a flatbed truck and erecting a “Stage” on it made to look like the upstairs of the Town Hall stage. Get community involvement to put it on. Use this outdoor venue to could show the potential of what is possible to do upstairs. Examples might include a “talent show” with kids, local bands/musicians, one-act plays, lawn mower drill team, etc. - a “Town Hall Sampler”. Line the front of the flatbed-truck “stage” with the antique photos. *Could this be a part of Old Home Day in August?*

**Red River Theatre** outdoor cinema - or if Don can get another 20x40 tent for the Town, have “Wednesday night movies” outdoors.

**Shelly** mentioned Geoff Moody, DES School Board member, received funding for a new AV system in the DES Community Center. He will begin to show movies 1x/mo (possibly starting in January) for a movie society and will donate proceeds to the DTHRC effort.

**Shelly** mentioned having a display about the project that can be shown at events like this. Perhaps pull what we have on the website as far as the vision and purpose for the DTHRC, pictures of the Concert Series, etc.

**Curt** will look in to collecting songs from the bands who have played in the Concert Series to create a digital compilation (10-12 songs) to give as incentives for people to donate to the effort.

**Town Committee Structural Update**

**Bob** reported that Jeff Trexler found a less intrusive way to support the roof than the steel beams originally ordered for this purpose which will be scrapped. Have the steel company make plates to install in the upstairs and use corbel to hide the plates (1’x1’). Some 2x4 need replacing. Jeff will write up the bid and the Town will encumber the funding - at least in part- if they have a contract, with construction to begin next year.

**Margaret** will connect with **Curt**, **Don**, and **Sue** re: display for use at school movie nights.

**Next meeting**: HOLD December 4 at 7PM pending response from the Architect

Motion to close the meeting made by Don, seconded by Sue. Meeting adjourned 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Boucher