October 17, 2018

Dunbarton Town Hall Restoration Committee
Meeting Minutes

Present: Beth Boucher, Sue Bracy, Curt McDermitt, Don Larsen, Clement Madden, John Stevens, Margaret Watkins
Meeting called to order by Margaret Watkins at 7:07

1. There was a review of the Dan’s Blakeslee concert/show that was held as part of the Town Hall Restoration Project Concert Series which was hosted in the vestibule.
   Everyone who attended enjoyed the show, was very pleased with the turnout, and is very grateful to Beth Boucher and Curt McDermott for starting this series and doing such a wonderful job in promoting it. People also commented that the concert achieved its purpose of raising awareness about the space and piquing people’s curiosity about the possibilities of the upstairs being used for future events.
   Curt and Beth said the concert broke even financially, and that there was enough money to pay Mr. Blakeslee.
   Up next in the concert series is Dave Penney of FoleyMor Entertainment, Newfoundland, on Thursday November 8, again in the Town Hall vestibule. He will play accordion and tell stories. Group discussed ideas for other bands to be scheduled. For each show, we need volunteers to help set up, provide food (Sue and Margaret volunteered for Nov 8 concert), get rope lights so that people can walk over easily (Sue will do), and promote.

2. The committee agreed they would like to work collaboratively with the selectmen and come up with a plan to spread the work out over a 3-5 year period to create manageable chunks. Part of the discussion was the fire escape, covering windows for fire egress exits, fire suppression, and electrical work. The committee is very grateful for the support of the selectman and the opportunity to work with them.

3. The committee discussed the need to have architects and engineers do code reviews for a municipal building.

4. The committee agreed we should speak to the selectmen to see what their vision for the role of the committee is. Margaret will contact them to relate the committee’s support and interest in helping.

5. The committee discussed the role of Facebook, the website and other social media platforms in furthering the project.

6. The committee discussed further the possible GoFundMe campaign and the strategy that would work best for that type of fundraising.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Clement T. Madden