



Searles School and Chapel

Minutes

Searles Trustees Meeting June 16, 2016

A meeting was held at the Searles School and Chapel on June 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Three trustees, Peter Griffin, Fred Linnemann, and Betty Dunn were present, not constituting a quorum. John Mentuck and Roy Dennehy, trustees, were not present.

Also present was Searles Coordinator Donna Markham.

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Since there was no quorum, there was no action taken on the prior meetings' minutes.

Storage Room

F. Linnemann reported on his inventory of the contents of the storage room in the Searles basement.

- 286 Rural Oasis books in 8 boxes
- 25 history sets (2 volumes) in 5 boxes
- Various books containing the NH Laws passed in 1891, 1896, and 1930 to 1970.
- 1.5 boxes of buttons distributed during the 1992 celebration of the town's 250th
- 750 copies of booklets from the 1992 celebration
- 25 booklets of the Nutfield 250th celebration
- 650 historical maps that had been printed and distributed during the 1992 celebration
- Various tickets for 1992 events
- 10 display boards with photos and information of the town's history
- 6 school chairs
- 1 desk
- Various party paper supplies and beverages
- Portions of an old stone plaque for Schoolhouse #1

Fred also reported that the old bell sallies were in the basement.

Fred reported seeing the MSDS manuals for Searles.

The board discussed the possibility of selling the history books at the time of the book signing and sale for the new history book by Derek Saffie. No date yet for this event.

Windows

Margaret Case joined the meeting. Margaret reported on the status of the donations and repairs on the stained glass windows. (See attached documents.) A total of \$76,980.46 has been donated to date. Margaret gave a list of the donors for the various windows. There was a review of

which windows still need repairs. Window #6, the large window in the schoolroom facing the street, is in need of repair and will be expensive. At this time, there is no funding for this window's repair.

Septic Systems

There was extensive discussion of the state of the septic system. In recent days, Peter, Fred and Betty had observed different stages of the work that had been done by Jack McCartney and Bob Devlin in digging up the line from the tank by the handicap entrance and following the pipe leading out from that tank. The pipe had plugged up through the years. They were able to unclog the pipe and add some crushed rock to the outlet. This system is not built to present codes.

There was general agreement that a plan for a new system should be put in place as soon as possible. Peter had obtained a copy of the septic plan that had been drawn up and approved by the state in 2010. That approval has now expired. In addition the area where the septic field was proposed now contains extensive decorative plantings of bushes and perennials. The estimate for replacement is \$35K to \$40K. Some of this cost may come from the town property maintenance trust and some may have to come from the Searles budget.

The board went outside the building to see where stakes had been placed to mark where the potential system would be located. There was concern that an unsightly mound would be necessary and would be right where the newly planted shrubs had been situated.

There was a discussion of when the construction could be done so as to minimize problems for events that were already contracted. July and August are relatively slow, but September is already heavily scheduled.

Maintenance issues

The list of maintenance issues was discussed. Donna will work on updating the list that Jack McCartney has been given in the past. That list did not contain many of the long-standing items that are of concern to the board. The board also discussed the need for documenting maintenance requests and the resolution or time-table for the resolution.

Next Meetings

The next regular meeting of the board will be Thursday, July 21.

Board members who are available will meet as soon as possible with Jack McCartney to discuss the septic system siting. Date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Betty Dunn, Secretary