



PLUMTREES SCHOOLHOUSE & LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

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MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 18, 2009

7:00 p.m.

CJH Municipal Center – Meeting Room "A"

Present: Leroy Staib, Chairman, David Morgan, Edward Rockwell, Charles Hurd and Trisha Lewis. Also in attendance was Town Attorney William Hagan.

Call to order/Pledge of Allegiance: Chairman Staib called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Correspondence: None

Public Comments: None

Approval of Minutes – April 20, 2009: Edward Rockwell made a motion, which was seconded by Charles Hurd, to approve the minutes of April 20, 2009 as presented. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: It was noted that the account remains the same, reported as -\$292.58

New Business

1.) School children are going through school

Charles Hurd advised that local school students have been coming through the schoolhouse, to date approximately 240 students. Members agreed that this is something to be proud of; students are visiting a historically correct working schoolhouse.

2.) Thanks to Charles Hurd for cleaning up and arranging the desks

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Members thanked Chares Hurd for his efforts in getting the schoolhouse ready to receive visitors.

- 3.) **Discussion invitations to Open House:** Open House is planned for Sunday, August 16, 2009.

Old Business

1.) Attorney Hagen has been invited to attend the next meeting to discuss By-Laws

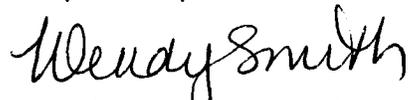
Discussion took place regarding by-laws. Members are in agreement that they would like to have some sort of permanent document/easement/restrictive covenant to insure that the schoolhouse remains what it is; a schoolhouse and that the town does not turn it into anything else, that there needs to be a legal document and an authority to oversee the current and future use of the facility. Attorney Hagan is researching a mechanism to achieve this goal. It was undecided whether this would be a local group, state group or even a federal group. Members understood that any proposal would have to be presented to the Board of Selectmen and a Special Town Meeting. Members agreed to look further into developing By-laws for a Board of Directors, or governing board.

Discussion took place regarding insurance (the schoolhouse is covered under the town's insurance). Attorney Hagan offered that personal insurance may cover any item that someone "loans" to the schoolhouse. It was agreed to look into insurance issues further.

It was agreed to continue discussion at a special meeting on Tuesday, May 26th at 6:00 p.m.

As there was no further business, David Morgan made a motion, which was seconded by Trisha Lewis, to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. Vote, all in favor, motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy Smith, Recording Secretary