

Minutes of Meeting – Kensington Grange Trustees

May 11, 2023, 1:00 pm

Present:

Frank Whittemore

Meghan Gross

Holly McCann

Trustees reviewed all current applications for status and remaining issues or needs. Going forward, Trustees will work directly with Kathy Felch, Town Administrator to approve Grange requests. This was implemented due to avoid delays in approval process and lost opportunities.

Trustees discussed fee structure for future events. This was issue recognized after the Roundtable Discussion meeting. Trustees will present thoughts to BOS and Town Administrator prior to implementing on a trial basis for the 2023 season.

Trustees have long recognized a need to streamline the actual Grange Application and associated information on the town website. Meghan presented a final draft for review of all. She will take feedback and draft the final product. It will be placed on town website for future use.

Frank presented an update on the repair of the Grange roofing structure damage and interior ceiling damage. Town insurance will cover the cost. There is an issue with obtaining proper roofing shingles that will match current in place, along with using shingles that are more in line with preservationist projects. Trustees voted to authorize Frank to seek input from Steve Mallory and continue to search for the right shingles for our project. We have similar situation with the foundation's gaping holes which allow for intrusion by wildlife. We need to fix to prevent that, but also to be able in the future to hope to achieve an insulated building that can be used throughout the year. Frank will speak to Steve about the options on this also.

Frank reported that he, Elaine Katzmarek, and Matt Armstrong had talked about Elaine's donation of land to Town of Kensington that is directly behind the Grange. Would be a source of parking for the future. A new plan is being discussed which would not use the cemetery road, but go behind the Grange and have an egress on the east side of the Grange. Elaine will present this to BOS in near future to get input.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM

Submitted by H. McCann