

Grange Meeting Minutes  
September 14, 2022  
Town Hall

Exterior maintenance project was discussed with trustees approving the payment to Contractor, Northern Ridge Painting.

Kathy Felch joined trustees for a discussion on following: (1) remaining available warrant article funds through end of 2022, (2) planning for budget and warrant articles for 2023, (3) discussion on obstacles in the current Grange Application process.

The remaining warrant article funds after payment to Northern Ridge Painting is \$7034. Kathy indicated that the 2023 budget process is being worked on now. She suggested Grange trustees to develop and submit our proposals asap for BOS consideration. Trustees will begin work on this.

Trustees discussed the grange approval application and the process. They are too cumbersome and have caused 3 applicants to just withdraw the applications. Trustees would like to streamline the process and also be given the authority (fiduciary responsibility) to act on these applications if they fall within the guidelines provided from the BOS, Safety Officer, and Police Chief. Trustees will put together a formal proposal and bring to a future BOS meeting to discuss. Trustees also need to explore other options for insurance, as the TULIP program that was previously recommended has been discontinued.

Trustees revisited a previous discussion of donating Kensington Town benches to an entity in Loudon. Frank and Meghan were in favor of donating the benches. Holly had expressed a concern on letting them go without the BOS approving the donation. Frank indicated that the BOS had approved the donation.

A discussion about the future of the Grange has come up at Kensington Heritage Commission meetings. They would like to host/ co-host a community discussion to determine how the townspeople want to see the building utilized. This will help Grange Trustees determine the best course of action for the future in terms of system upgrades, building maintenance, use policies, etc. Meeting will be set by the Heritage Commission and Grange Trustees would like to attend.

Actions in the immediate future include setting up a review of the sound system with New England Sound. Holly will contact and set up an appointment. The rear roof will need to be scraped and sprayed with Wet & Forget again before the winter season. Meghan will have her husband perform this work as soon as he is able.