DRAFT Historical Building Committee Minutes

Meeting 11/21/2023

Cornish Town Offices

Members present: Caroline Storrs, Dillon Gallagher, Larry Dingee, Josh Cloud, Richard Thompson

Call to order 5:06

Dillon distributed meeting summary he had presented to BOS.

It was reported that George Edson had assistance to remove the saturated insulation.

BOS has agreed to step in when necessary to pay utility bills to control humidity.

Larry asked if the building had previously had a center chimney as there is a central foundation.

Dillon presented questions from the BOS:

> What was the product applied?
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> By whom? Caroline said it was by a contractor from New London who had painted Beth Lum's barn. It was sprayed.

Larry asked about the LCHIP money. Caroline said that nine years ago it was used on slate repairs and copper flashing. Roof was the main concern. It was asked if residing was done would it affect the Historical Registration? Caroline said that it would not. She said it hurts her heart to remove the original clapboards. Josh suggested that if the humidity is controlled it would make sense to monitor and keep historical siding. Larry said if we replace siding now we will never know the result. Larry suggested that we go to original thought: control moisture and go 1 round of paint to see if we can get ten years. Richard thought if we can control humidity it seems reasonable. November humidity average was 70 %, today 66%. Larry asked how to asses. Thought was to start April 1st and monitor for 90 days. Richard pointed out that there are a lot of moving parts. Josh agreed. Larry asked that if we control humidity can we paint next year? Dillon said that the BOS would keep the meeting house a priority for next year. Josh thought we would notice results during the spring melt. Richard would love to use wifi for more thorough monitoring. He thinks that two neighbors have stronger signal.

Larry pointed out that there is nothing on the 2024 schedule so the chimneys should be addressed too. Committee feels that with good monitoring a decision can be made. The dehumidifier could drain into a drywell in the crawlspace.

Richard called the Preservation Alliance regarding the dehumidifier but hasn't heard back. Larry asked where to find the machine. Caroline is looking online for a commercial machine.

There was a brief discussion of the Town Offices crawlspace. Richard suggested an RH monitor which he had found online. Committee plans to visit Town Offices crawlspace.

Caroline asked if we delay and do dehumidifier and the south side peels prematurely again what is to be done next? It was thought that some of the problem may be UV light. Dillon asked if a UV stabilizer additive to the paint might be specified.

Josh pointed out that as of now we still have saturated insulation.

Larry asked about blocking chases and Richard agreed it should be done.

MHC will purchase dehumidifier in the spring and monitor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Gallagher