DRAFT Minutes Historical Building Committee Minutes

11/26/2024

Cornish Town Offices

Members present: Dillon Gallagher, Josh Cloud, Heidi Jaarsma, Caroline Storrs, Richard Thompson

Minutes were approved with the correction of spelling of Thompson.

Josh brought up the proposal from Revered Painting that was not submitted to the Selectmen as a sealed bid. He noted the language “Cleaning of complete exterior of structure using a solution of water soap and cleaners to kill mildew. Hand scrub stubborn surfaces and rinse with powerwashing water.”

Caroline noted that was nice and suggested committee review the two bids that were received by the Selectmen. She said she had met with Kelly Callahan who uses a different primer, but will use the recommended Mad Dog primer on the south side and steeple.

Heidi asked if both vendors had submitted a Certificate of Insurance. It was confirmed that they had.

Heidi asked as to why the paint failed so early. Moisture was likely the culprit.

Richard described how a potential vendor had described a situation where paint had failed prematurely due to interior moisture.

Caroline asked if anyone had experience with potential vendor Travis Dube. She noted that she had heard a negative. Richard asked for specifics. Caroline said quality and communication.

Josh stated that he has had good experiences with Travis.

Caroline asked what was the committee’s pleasure?

Heidi asked why the Revered proposal was so much higher? Was it just the washing and paint chip containment?

Josh noted that the bid also included caulking of every butt end of the clapboards to prevent moisture entering the end grain.

Caroline does not like the idea of powerwashing.

Josh asked about the dirt and mildew. Caroline said there was no dirt. Dillon asked if a damp rag were run across the building would it show dirt? Caroline said no.

Committee thought vendor should caulk butt joints and describe the process for chip containment and cleanup.

Caroline wanted to install chimney caps while the vendor had a lift on site. She suggested a stone cap on one chimney and a vented metal cap on the other. Dillon suggested that the caps match, as the committee had previously discussed. Caroline suggested the committee select Kelly with the revised bid to reflect caulking of butt joints, and to help with the caps. Dillon said the caps may not be appropriate

for a painter if they are not comfortable with the work and that they had budgeted and scheduled the lift solely for painting.

Josh and Dillon volunteered to install the caps with a lift donated by Gallagher Tree Service.

Josh asked Heidi about possible grant sources.

Heidi explained to the committee that she has applied to the NH State Historic register for the Town Office Building, the Town Hall, the Little Town Hall, the old Selectmen's Office, and the Stowell building. There will be grant opportunities by being on the register. Heidi also pointed out that the New Hampshire Department of Historical Resources has other opportunities available. There may be some assistance available with ADA compliance as well.

Caroline talked of the LCHIP grant and the work involved.

Josh asked about the potential size of grants. Heidi said $20,000.00 and possibly more.

Heidi brought up the new donation from Peter Burling for the Trinity Church Trust Fund. Committee was very happy to hear the news. Peter has a list of projects he considers important. Heidi pointed out that there was a need to shop vac the tower as there wood chips. Richard asked if there was a vapor barrier in the crawl space. Committee feels it should make a site visit.

Caroline asked choosing vendors for the Meeting House painting. Josh considers the proposals apples to apples and would recommend Kelly. He re-iterated his concern of the dirt on the building.

Committee would like to add to the RFP language : "Wipe/wash dirt and mildew off, and to caulk butts joints and clapboard to trim joints, and request vendor to describe/ specify clean up and disposal methods."

Richard moved the committee recommend Kelly to the Selectmen. Josh seconded. Heidi said that Kelly had done a good job at the Town Hall. Question was called and voted on in the affirmative unanimously.

After follow up with the vendor committee will meet to finalize recommendation.

Richard asked about meeting at Trinity Church. He will look into access and possibly talk to Peter Burling.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,

Dillon Gallagher