

Minutes of the Patton Homestead Directors – Dec. 1, 2015

Attending: Carin Kale, Georgina Keefe-Feldman, Bill Burridge, John McWane, & Rich Barbato. Peter Britton also in attendance.

Carin called the meeting to order @ 4:05. Georgina asked to open to complete paperwork needed for the new nonprofit.

- Document signed included Schedule A-2 for the Mass. AG's office, a Power of Atty. for tax purposes only and the state's charity registration form. All will be delivered to Donna Brewer.
- In addition, the nonprofit needs an email address to be registered. Georgina was happy to report that she has set one up under the name: pattonhomesteadinc@gmail.com
- She asked that Directors send her an email to make sure it is working properly before it is shared. She will ask Maureen Hickey to put it on the website when next she adds Minutes. Georgina will check that account every few days. She will share the password with her fellow Directors at the next meeting.

Applying for CPA Funds Discussion:

- Bill reported that the next Community Preservation Meeting is Dec. 10th @ 7:30 at Town Hall. We are second on the agenda. This is the first round - the preliminary application to request CPA funds. Carin will attend, as will John. Georgina thought she could probably attend. Carin pointed out that CPA funding could help us secure additional Mass. Cultural Council grants.
- Peter B., who is on the CPA Comm., pointed out that there is lots of competition for these funds.
- Bill will get the letter of support from the Historic Dist. Commission. Tom Catalano has already told him we would qualify for a letter.
- John added that he will have his draft of options for the next meeting, which should help us draft our request. We need to be ready for the April Town Mtg. if we are going to request CPA Funds.
- Bill wondered if we should split our request into two asks – one for April TM and the other for the Fall. John added that he thought we should ask only in the Spring; making back-to-back requests would not be politically wise.

- Carin wondered if we need to do an overview of different Homestead options at the Town Mtg. For example, asking \$250,000 for a function room will bring revenues to the Town.
- Rich asked if there were alternative sources of money. Peter Britton's past proposal arose. Peter added that his plan takes a lot of pressure off the nonprofit. Bill stated that we should go to TM with the \$1 million plan, which combines CPA, Mass Cultural council and CP Berry monies.
- John wrapped up this discussion by stating that the BOS will hear our options and that will help us decide which one to pursue.

Facilities Report Discussion:

- John opened by stating it is apparent that we will not have the Facilities Report in time for the CPA fund request. All wondered if we could get some authoritative figures from some other source. Georgina suggested Peter Gourdeau, who had been involved early on.
- Carin added that she will talk to Lombardo to tell him we are looking for a "Plan B" that will involve:
 1. Seeking alternatives, such as Peter G.
 2. Contacting some key state people (Brad Hill for ex.) to see if we can expedite the state people re: Facilities Report.
- John will contact Peter G. Rich added that his contact (Dave Horgan from Ipswich) would probably give us an estimate if needed.

Other issues:

- Rich reported that Larry Griffin, the Headmaster at Shore County Day School is retiring. We should add him to our list of possible Directors.
- The issue of getting a designation on the Nat'l. Register of Historic Places arose. Some thought it would place too many restrictions on the Patton property. Georgina has already done some research on this and countered that restrictions are more associated with National Historic Landmarks and not the National Register of Historic Places. She reported that Stefanie Muscat, the consultant from Bevara, had suggested we apply for this designation; it is a helpful asset for grants. G K-F said she would continue her research for future debate.

The Next Meeting is set for Tuesday, Dec. 29th @ 4PM at the Library.