

Old Allenstown Meeting House Committee  
May 19, 2015  
6:00 P.M. Allenstown Police Department

Meeting Minutes

Present: James Garvin, Roland Martel, Armand Verville (chair), Claudette Verville.

1. Chairman Armand Verville called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.
2. On a motion by Roland Martel, seconded by Claudette Verville, the minutes of the meeting of April 30, 2015, were approved as submitted, with the correction that the name "Bob Killum" under Item 8 should be changed to "Bob Kilham, Jr."
3. Armand Verville announced that he had received a reminder of a general invitation and welcome to a groundbreaking ceremony for the future Allenstown Senior Center and Boys & Girls Club [see Concord *Monitor*, April 15, 2015] on Tuesday, June 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Whitten Street Park in Suncook Village.
4. The committee discussed elements of the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Old Allenstown Meeting House, to be held on July 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - a. Roland Martel noted that Janet Anderson of Buntin-Rumford-Webster Chapter, DAR, has located bunting for the celebration, but that it has suffered moth damage. Roland will look for bunting at the Concord Flag Store.
  - b. The committee compiled a list of people who should be sent personal invitations to the event on July 18<sup>th</sup>. Secretary Jim Garvin will type the list and we will continue to add names to it.
  - c. Roland Martel will arrange details of a nondenominational religious service to be held at the meeting house by Jim Young of the New Rye Church on July 18<sup>th</sup>. (Mr. Young will also officiate at a service at the meeting house on May 24<sup>th</sup>.) Jim Garvin's historical remarks will follow while people are seated in the building.
  - d. Armand Verville continues to look into methods of offering hayrides since Doug Bailey has stated that he can't afford the insurance required to offer a tractor-drawn hayride. Henry Cote suggested using two-seat golf carts to transport people from the parking area to the meeting house. The price for three carts, all day, is \$400. Armand is continuing to research the possibility of providing hayrides.
  - e. A collection of artifacts will be exhibited at the meeting house all day, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. There will also be a PowerPoint presentation on the restoration of the building shown on a laptop computer from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Children's games will continue all day. We may want to remove the rails from the 5-foot section of the eastern end of the split rail fence to provide access to the games at the rear of the building.

- f. Armand provided more information on historical musician Bob Kilham, Jr. from the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts. Mr. Kilham performed at the Old Allenstown Meeting House in October 2013, and was warmly received. As a neighbor who lives on Ridge Road in Deerfield, Mr. Kilham has offered to waive his usual performance fee and accept a token honorarium of \$100.
  - g. The committee discussed a press release for the event. Alysa Southall of the *Hooksett Banner* called Armand and asked for a press release on the July 18<sup>th</sup> event. Claudette Verville had prepared two versions (short and long) of a release and passed them to secretary Jim Garvin with a request that Jim combine their information into a release for distribution.
  - h. Armand Verville distributed an Allenstown Town Building Rental Application packet and Facilities Use Policy. The guidelines in this packet pertain to rentals of the Old Allenstown Meeting House.
  - i. The Allenstown Fire Department, which may provide a cookout on July 18<sup>th</sup>, understands that they are responsible for cleanup. Two trash cans will also be placed at the meeting house. The stagecoach provided by the Abbot-Downing Society will be exhibited to the right (east) of the meeting house.
5. Roland Martel outlined plans for a raised flower bed in memory of Carol Martel. The bed will be square, measuring about six feet on each side. It will be adjacent to the existing flagpole, and will have an indented border that will create a niche for the pole. The bed will be planted with daisies and will include a plaque dedicating the garden to Carol.
  6. Regarding the operating budget for the OAMH, there are no major developments, but this item will be retained on future meeting agendas for discussion when needed. Armand reported that he had spent \$40.47 from the town budget for fertilizer, etc., for the front of the meeting house.
  7. Upcoming events that are presently planned for the Old Meeting House are:  
 June 8- Board of Selectmen's Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
 July 3-Allenstown Historical Society Bake Sale, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
 July 11- Reserved for wedding.  
 July 18- 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the OAMH, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
 Aug. 2- DAR Vesper Service, 4:00 p.m.
  8. The next meeting of the committee will be on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at the Allenstown Police Department. Jim Garvin will send an agenda for the meeting to town administrator Shaun Mulholland.
  9. The meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
 James L. Garvin  
 Secretary