



MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Minutes of Special Meeting
Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members Present:

Scott Perry, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Pat Farmer, Parma Jewett, Ken Secor, Bill McGroarty, Elsie Saborowski, Jo Anne Bennett and Member Noela McGroarty

Scott called the Meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

This Special Meeting was convened to discuss the proposals received from Knob Hill Joinery and Jan Lewandowski regarding the repair/restoration of the floor and foundation of the clock tower.

Scott reviewed the discussion that took place at the last Board Meeting on April 27th regarding the scope of work to be undertaken.

Knob Hill Joinery sent in a response to the bid request; they are unable to do the work as the scope of the project is much larger and more complicated than presented in the guidelines.

Jan Lewandowski responded he would be able to do the work for \$15,600 but not until September; he is confident it will be completed in time to qualify for payment of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation matching grant portion.

Scott presented two possibilities:

1. Follow Knob Hill Joinery's suggestion and develop a plan for restoration of the tower and address the water infiltration. This would imply losing the grant for this year.
2. Accept Jan Lewandowski's bid of \$15,600 and have him look at Knob Hill Joinery's report (with their permission).

Ken made a Motion, seconded by Elsie to accept Jan Lewandowski's bid and submit Scott's letter to the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation advising them of the MHS Board's decision. A condition of acceptance of the bid would be an assurance that he will start on time and finish the work in 2010.

Ken stressed that the water problem must be addressed as soon as possible to avoid further damage and weaken the work to be done this year. The front and sides of the tower are not load-bearing, however, their structural condition will have to be addressed in the future. Restoration will be done that makes sense – where it is visible and affordable to do.

The Motion was unanimously approved.

Ken moved and Tim seconded a Motion to adjourn at 6:00 P.M. Said Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois