April 22nd, 2025 - Minutes of Addison Town Hall Building Comm.

Present: John Spencer, Levi Barrett, Bob Schatz, Michael Hollis, and Chris Stackhouse.

John opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. No changes to the agenda were made.

No public comment was heard. The minutes from March 26th, 2025 were moved for approval by Levi, second by Michael, 5 yes, 0 no.

Discussion on the RFP for repairs to the Town Hall roof and belfry revealed Alden Harwood felt the detailed description by Chris was adequate for the description of the scope of work. It was agreed Chris should consult Murphy's metals for a spec on the gauge of copper flashing and ridge cap. Chris volunteered to write a draft of an RFP for committee and Selectboard approval. He could use language provided by Alden's earlier example. It was also recommended we seek references or levels of experience from potential contractors.

John explained one possible contractor the work could be Miles Geenes of Vt. Heavy Timbers. He had expressed a desire to help save the TH in the past.

John had received a letter from the public requesting information. John was not able to reply quickly as he felt the committee should be involved in any reply. Since Chris was out of town it took a few weeks to hold a meeting.

The letter questioned the grounds upon which our 2024 Town Report stated, "While it is not clear to all whether it was legal to hold this revote, the outcome, which was to rescind the bond, has resulted in the project being stalled". Committee members felt many voters had expressed strong doubts about the legality of the vote, plus the Selectboard and public voted to accept the Annual Report as written. A second request in the letter was proof of the loss of the $75,000. Bruhn Grant, lost due to the vote to rescind. An email was remembered that would prove the Bruhn grant had indeed been lost due to the bond vote being rescinded. Michael offered to deal with getting that to the Clerk's Office for public access.

At the final opportunity for public comment, Patty Torrey hope to see "something happening this summer", feeling the "poor old building was looking sad." Chris said (jokingly) "in mid-May folks could come watch Miller Pest Control spray the Town Hall floor system for Powder Post Beetle infestation." John also hoped the Selectboard might see fit to hire Laz Scangus, Architect, to do his proposed study of three alternative designs of the Town Hall. All three offered different levels of savings, while still providing space for Town Offices. Laz would provide drawings and estimates of all three alternatives.

Michael moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:58, second by Levi, 5 yes, 0 no.