

Present: Zanne Charity, Chris Garrity, and Marge Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Chris Garrity made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Special meeting of the Swift House Task Force, as submitted. Marge Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Sewer Hook-up update:

Marge Smith confirmed Bill Gawel's estimate of \$2,680 includes the crushing and filling of the old septic pit.

Town Newsletter Swift House Survey:

Zanne Charity reported the following:

- No confirmation on newsletter publication date

Contractor Update:

Zanne Charity reported the following:

- Masonry:
- Foundation repairs/re-pointing:
 - Two Brothers \$2,280
 - Sheldon Masonry \$2,250
- Chimney repairs:
 - Two Brothers declined to bid due to concerns with poor condition of roof
 - Sheldon Masonry \$4,700
 - Advanced Construction \$4,300 *It was noted that Advanced Construction is not a masonry contractor, so no information was available as to who would actually execute this bid and what their qualifications for repair/restoration of old chimneys would be.
- Chimney rebuild:
 - Two Brothers \$16,000
 - Sheldon Masonry bid not yet received
- Roof Replacement
 - Advanced Construction \$32,450 – 32,850 (difference, type of gutters)
- Soffit replacement:
 - Advanced Construction \$1,000
 - Linke Painting \$4,400
- Painting:
 - Linke Painting \$18,600 including soffit replacement & other carpentry repairs
 - Classic Painting \$25,000 rough estimate for painting only, not including carpentry repairs

RECEIVED FOR RECORD
KENT TOWN CLERK
2020 SEP -8 P 2:01

BY

D. Bradley
TOWN CLERK

Joyce Kearns offered to authorize up to \$1,000 from the Swift House operating budget to replace the rotten soffits to prevent the squirrels from entering the building.

American Bio Tech update:

The squirrels are back in the building exactly where the soffit needs to be replaced. American Bio Tech needs to be called back to remove the squirrels before the soffit can be replaced. At a cost of \$145 per visit.

Chris Garrity made a motion to recommend to the Board of Selectmen to hire advanced Construction to replace the rotten soffits above the patio and authorized up to \$500 to American Bio Tech to remediate the squirrels. Zanne Charity seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Report to Board of Selectmen & Request for Funding:

Marge Smith is working on the 2020 Connecticut Historic Preservation Matching Grant, details attached.

Zanne noted that no interior work has been discussed or quoted. Chris suggested that a list of interior projects and ball park estimates be created to follow the recommendation that will be presented to the Board of Selectmen after more public input is received and discussed by the Task Force as to future use of the building.

After much discussion the Task Force agreed unanimously-on the following list of critical priority projects intended to secure Swift House from further animal incursions and water/ice damage before winter, to be presented to the Board of Selectmen as a request for funding:

1. Squirrel remediation – up to \$ 500
 2. Replacement of two soffits - 1,000
 3. Foundation repair & re-pointing – 2,300
 4. Chimney & flashing repairs (2)- 4,700
 5. Exterior repairs & selective painting 14,000
- TOTAL TO BE REQUESTED \$22,500.

Chris agreed to create a spreadsheet to present at the Board of Selectmen's meeting for discussion on Tuesday, September 8, 2020, along with photographs of areas needing remediation, and to request approval of funding in time to commit to contractors and get work underway and completed this fall.

Next meeting date:

Tuesday, September 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Joyce Kearns and Zanne Charity



THE 1772 FOUNDATION

Announcement

2020 Connecticut Historic Preservation Matching Grants for Private Non-Profit Organizations



in cooperation with the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation

The 1772 Foundation has announced that funding in the form of 1:1 matching grants of up to \$10,000 will be made available for the following historic preservation projects: exterior painting, finishes and surface restoration, fire detection/lightning protection/security systems, repairs to/restoration of porches, roofs and windows, repairs to foundations and sills, and chimney and masonry repointing.

To demonstrate the sustainability of historic sites, applicants may be required to submit a cyclical maintenance plan, condition assessment, restoration plan or stewardship plan that has been prepared or updated within the last five years. If an appropriate plan does not exist, the Foundation will consider providing support for development of a plan on a case-by-case basis.

All organizations that wish to be considered should send a one-page letter of inquiry to:
1772@cttrust.org and use *1772 Foundation* in the subject line.

The letter should include: the amount of your request, the purpose of the grant including the name and address of the historic resource for which project funding will be used, the matching funds you have or plan to have, the time frame for project completion and ownership status (own or lease) for the site. Also, please attach a current photo which best shows site condition, no more than 1.5MB, and provide web address for the site/organization.

Letters of inquiry will be accepted until December 31, 2019.

Invited applications will be due February 21, 2020.

Not all letters of inquiry will result in invitations to submit full applications.

To be eligible to apply, organizations must have a 501(c)(3) IRS designation.
Organizations also must have closed any previously awarded matching grant to be eligible to apply.
Funding will not be provided for schools or churches.

The Foundation will consider the following:

- Matching grants for exterior painting, finishes and surface restoration
- Matching grants to install or upgrade fire detection, lightning protection and security systems
- Matching grants for repairs to/restoration of porches, roofs and windows
- Matching grants for structural foundation and sill repair/replacement
- Matching grants for chimney and masonry repointing