

**Town of Cape Elizabeth
Spurwink Church Study Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2005
7:00 p.m. Town Hall
William H. Jordan Conference Room**

Present Jane Beckwith
 Daniel Chase
 Carol Fritz
 Paul McKenney
 Darren McLellan, Co-Chairman
 R. Bruce Munger, Co-Chairman
 Elizabeth B. Peterson

Absent Ann R. Strout

Staff Debra Lane, Asst. Town Manager Ex-officio
 Ernie MacVane, Facilities Manager Ex-officio

The seventh meeting of the ad-hoc committee convened on Monday, December 20, 2005 at 7:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2005

Moved by C. Fritz and seconded by P. McKenney to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2005 meeting as presented.

Motion passed unanimously.

Report from Pinkham & Greer Consulting Engineers – Structural Integrity of Building, Vestibule and Steeple

David K. Pinkham, P.E. submitted a report dated December 19, 2005. The report addresses some of the structural issues as requested by the committee – see November 21, 2005 meeting minutes.

Ernie reviewed the report. Discussions included bell tower, sills, and live load capacity on the floor structure.

Committee Discussion – Priorities for Exterior and Interior Rehabilitation

Siding – The committee talked extensively about the siding. Should the clapboards be completely replaced to the appropriate historic level? Should the paint layers be removed,

and only deteriorating clapboards be replaced? Are any of the layers lead paint based? Clapboards on the steeple need to be replaced, as they don't match the original style.

Gutters – Should the current gutter system be updated, or the original be restored? The committee's preference is to restore the original. Ernie will try to determine the original gutter system.

Chimney – Should the chimney remain? The standing chimney is not the original. Jane & Elizabeth will research to see when the chimney was erected.

Insulation – Ernie's preference is to insulate the outside walls to avoid moisture and eventual deterioration of the clapboards. More information is needed, particularly from the historical perspective.

Furnace – If the chimney is taken down, what system will be installed?

Windows – A priority for restoration.

Inside Priorities (At the next meeting, the list will be prioritized, as the committee did for the outside priorities at an earlier meeting.)

- Furnace
- Windows
- Plaster
- Carpet
- Front Doors

For the next meeting, Ernie and Debra will create a priority list to be reviewed by the committee. The list will then be forwarded to the Maine Historic Preservation Society for their comments and suggestions. Photo documentation may be helpful.

Darren has agreed to find out what the procedure is for the historic review and who the permitting authority is.

Bruce suggested artist renderings might be helpful during the fund raising process.

Removal of overhead utility wires around the church may be added to the "wish list."

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Proposed Agenda for Next Meeting - Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Approval of Minutes from December 19, 2005

Review of Priority List For Historic Preservation Review and Comment

Brainstorming Session – Fund Raising

Next Meeting – Proposed Agenda

Adjournment

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After hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Lane, Assistant Town Manager

Meeting Schedule – Town Hall - William H. Jordan Conference Room

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

Wednesday, February 15, 2006

Wednesday, March 15, 2006