

Hooper Board Meeting, April 3, 2024  
Continued from 6:15 pm

#### Old Business

1. Strategic Planning on hold; concentrating on building renovations for now and currently awaiting energy audit.
2. Proposal from Sue to connect with Rob Westover with regard to the proposed mountain biking trails in the Hooper Forest. Helen and Sue will seek a meeting with Rob or invite him to a board meeting.
3. Skipped hiring; already discussed in Director's Report.
4. Dahlia Day, May 18, 2024 from 10am-1pm
  - a. Update from Sue: Still dividing and potting tubers with a goal of 200 potted plants plus some loose tubers.

#### New Business

1. Building and Lands: Helen reported the maintenance budget was \$7,500 for 2024 and \$8,000 has already been spent because of many needs (tree, roof, garage door, amongst others). Peggy offered the bottom line is what matters, and seeing as how there has been savings in other categories of spending (e.g. with fewer employees than expected), the overall spending is still in line with expectations.
  - a. Peggy also shared that the maintenance spending category itself is under discussion with the New Hampshire Office of Charitable Trusts; verification was made that Peggy is on the email list for the building committee.
  - b. In anticipation of renovations, Helen has been cleaning out the buildings; some things are easier to dispose of than others, e.g. taxidermy.
2. Friends of Hooper: Becky S. is ready to step back. Helen has a few new members, but the organization lacks administrative momentum. The usefulness of the nonprofit status of the group was noted by many, but help is needed from the community to keep it afloat. Helen noted FOHI monies currently total \$45,311.15 from fundraising efforts as well as \$10,269.65 in grants for the high school program. Will wondered if the board could have a dual role in FOHI administration; Peggy noted a change of the bylaws would be needed.
  - a. Sue suggested a cheat sheet of duties and seeking 2-3 administratively minded members before June, when state paperwork with regard to nonprofit status must be filed.
    - i. Peggy volunteered a mention of this need in her upcoming Clarion article.

Motion to Adjourn from Annette, Will seconded, meeting adjourned 6:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Owens