

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of November 17, 2007

Chaired by Ron Knott

Members Attending: Marilyn Burch, Cal Burch, Richard Anderson, Karen Hummel, Lee Jamison, and Sharon Hall

Guests Attending: Town Board Members Brad Webster and Roz Gumaer

The meeting, held at the station, began at 9:05. Richard made the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Sharon.

Ron handed out the architect's Preliminary Budget Cost Estimate for the station's restoration as revised October 30, 2007. The Department of Transportation has agreed to re-scope the grant. Ron had walked through the station with local contractor, Dave Cavagnaro, to identify which projects should be higher priority. The architect suggested that a self-contained composting toilet would need servicing after perhaps 8 or 10 people, while one that he proposed would sit on its own septic tank, only needing servicing every 5 years. Ron spoke to the Town Engineer, Ray Jurkowski, who said we would have to check with the Health Department. If we propose a list of work, the architect will put the projects out to bid. Besides the Comfort Station, other projects that are high priority include a copper drip edge and the exterior masonry above the canopy. The woodwork needs completion, which includes recreating missing pieces. Ron will check with Todd Corbett to see if he wants his tanks and heater back and if he has any of the missing parts. We asked about doing some of the work ourselves, but Ron reported that DOT would rather have paid professionals doing the work, even the painting.

Looking at other projects, we discussed the drainage. It seems to work as the building is dry but Ron asked Highway Superintendent, Bernie Kowalski, to move the drywell away from the building. There needs to be some stone added around the building and the original plans called for a pressure-treated deck. The first alternate project, a security system, could be funded by looking for donations. The second, insulation, could be done by committee members who have had some construction experience. We won't have to have all of the matching funds immediately and we will continue to raise money. Karen stated that our goal is to keep the building functional and to make repairs.

The architect needs a written description of the project. He will write up a Design Approval Document and put it out to bid. Ron will check on its progress.

There was a question raised about whether volunteer hours would count toward the matching funds. We can certainly keep track by making a note in the minutes. A lot of improvements have already been made by volunteers - the locks, painting, lights and picture molding. We should document our work and let the general public know.

In the past month, the Coffee Corner has taken in \$167. The Halloween Party was lots of fun. Diane Gelhorn's grandchildren helped with the decorating and the staffing at the party. The third annual Holiday Party will be held December 15. We will have a cookie sale, Karen will make a poster, and Roz will supply hot chocolate. Movie night won't happen until after the New Year. Our next meeting will be December 15, to be followed with decorating for the party that afternoon. Ron made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Lee.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn Burch