

Stuyvesant Railroad Station Restoration Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of July 21, 2007

Chaired by Ron Knott

Members attending: Lee Jamison, Isabelle Bosquet-Morra, Cal Burch, Sharon Hall, Marilyn Burch, and Richard Anderson

The meeting, held at the railroad station, began shortly after 9:00 a.m. Cal made the motion to accept last month's minutes, seconded by Lee. Marilyn requested help with the Restoration Committee's booth at the farmers' market as she will be unable to do it for the next few weeks. Cal offered to set it up this coming Friday (July 27) and Sharon offered to help man it. The suggestion was made to have a hand-out printed up that would tell the history of the station. Ron offered to talk to Town Historian, Juanita Knott, who is his mother. The Monday Coffee Corner is quite successful. Lianne Jensen has offered to bake. She is also working on putting together a cookbook to be sold as a fund-raiser. So far only Isabelle has sent her recipes. Karen brought up other ideas, such as a student art show.

The survey is due at the end of the month and the Town Board will give this committee the answers to questions about the station. There is nothing new to report about the DOT grant, although we may hear about the Rheinstom Hill Foundation grant in August.

The easement still hasn't been signed, but Lee offered to talk to Jim Melville. That is still the hold-up with the electrification project. We discussed finishing the doors and windows and what we want to see funds used for. Security was a big concern. Stabilization of the building and brick repair were mentioned. We can get working on the bathroom project, getting estimates. One suggestion was an outdoor site, as historically there was an outhouse. The committee took exception to the town's charging the \$108 per month for the Port-A-Potty to the committee, as we only use it for meetings (once a month) and the farmers' market (once a week).

Ron spoke to the architect and has the paint colors. We can use off-the-shelf Benjamin Moore paint. He made the motion that we buy 2 gallons of the dark red primer, seconded by Lee. Richard and Cal offered to paint. As for the brickwork, it will be expensive and will require a grant. We will need estimates. It was pointed out that the floor in the second room (the station master's office) had been painted after the art show. Cal and Richard did a great job.

Several suggestions were made for fall activities, such as an art show of Phil Bickerton's chicken art or a square dance. We need to have a work day as the stove needs polishing and assembly. Also, the closet could be put back in place. It was suggested that we could place a glass door on the closet and use it to display memorabilia.

Our next meeting will be held on August 25 to not conflict with a Public Hearing on the 18th. The meeting adjourned at 10:20 on a motion by Ron, seconded by Lee.

Respectfully submitted,
Marilyn Burch