

Town of Orford
CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE
Meeting May 8 , 2023

APPROVED

Attended by: Members Ex-officio Selectboard representative John Adams , Heidi Peyton, Sylvia Paxton, Ann Green, Eva Daniels, Jenny Littlewood and Dave Smith

Minutes:

Meeting convened at approx. 5pm. John Adams introduced himself as non-voting ex-officio member of the Committee representing the Orford Selectboard. He reviewed the NH rules of a formal meeting. Meetings and Minutes are to be posted the Town Office, Orford Listserve and Post Office. Members may attend meetings via Zoom but a quorum must be met by number attending **in-person**, The charge of this Committee is as stated in Article 19 and approved by Town Vote in 2023 Town Meeting: “ To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectboard to consider the feasibility of the town purchasing the Orford Congregational Church building located on Main Street at an amount to be mutually determined buy both parties”. No funds were appropriated; if and when a need for funds is anticipated, the Committee may make a request to the Selectboard. A Report of Committee findings is due by December 1, 2023.

It was unanimously agreed to accept Sylvia Paxton as Committee Chair and Ann Green as Secretary. It was further agreed that meetings will take place on Mondays at the Church. John suggested that Jenny Littlewood be added and accepted as a member. Motion made by Ann Green, seconded by Eva Daniels and unanimously approved.

To prepare for next meeting, Sylvia agreed to collect information to include the assessed value of the Church and other related materials that are available at the Town Office. Eva and Ann agreed to research if there is a record of the Church being designated as an historical building with the NH Association of Preservation.

Next meeting will be held at 1pm Monday May 15, 2023 at the church. Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:10pm.

Submitted by,
Ann Green
(Secretary)