

**Town of Orford**  
**CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE**  
**Meeting June 12, 2023**

**APPROVED**

**Attended by:** Sylvia Paxton (Chair), Jenny Littlewood, Eva Daniels, Ann Green and Dave Smith

**Minutes**

At approximately 1:10PM, Sylvia opened the meeting held at the Orford United Congregational Church. Following a motion made by Sylvia and seconded by Eva, Minutes of May 29, 2023 were approved.

Sylvia reported that she has not heard from the Board of Selectmen regarding the Committee's request for funds to complete a survey and structural analysis of the Church. She will follow-up with Town Administrator Assistant Esther Dobbins-Marsh. Ann has not received a return call from Haverhill Congregational Church and will attempt to get the name of a contact person who maybe familiar with the recent meeting to address the church's future.

Sylvia read a list of Orford organizations that may be contacted for their input on the town purchasing the building. Eva agreed to provide a summary of revenue sources the church has received in recent years such as rental fees for church use.

Possible funding sources to support church purchase were discussed. Specifically, Dave mentioned NH Community Development Foundation which was suggested to him by Anne Duncan Cooley.

Committee members shared suggestions of questions for a community-wide survey. Jenny agreed to draft an introduction and further define the questions; signature and contact will be optional. Sylvia will ask the Town Office if the Committee may use the Town US Postal permit for mailing the survey.

Sylvia will send a calendar of meeting dates. She reminded all of the December 1<sup>st</sup> date when the final report of the Committee's findings and recommendations is due.

Meeting was adjourned at 2pm.

Prepared by  
Ann Green