

**TOWN OF ORFORD
CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE
MEETING JUNE 22, 2023
Orford Social Library**

APPROVED

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

Minutes:

Sylvia opened the meeting at 1:10pm. She made the motion to approve the June 19 meeting Minutes and seconded by Eva. Minutes approved.

Sylvia reported on her recent meeting with Town Adm. Assistant Esther Dobbins-Marsh. Esther advised that she will type the survey on one 8.5 x 11 page and include the indicia of Town Postal Permit for mailing to all town residents. She will arrange for the printing. The indicia cannot be used for return of the survey. The letterhead will not be the Town of Orford but rather the Church Study Committee, PO Box 133, Orford NH 03777.

There was a discussion of Heidi's recent email in which she suggested an introductory letter be sent to all residents by the Committee describing the Committee make-up and its charge as defined by John Adams, Chair of the Orford Board of Selectmen. Committee members present supported the suggestion as an initial step prior to sending a community-wide survey and scheduling an Open House and recommended that Heidi be asked to prepare a draft by June 28 for Committee review. Sylvia agreed to make the request to Heidi. Eva will attempt to locate a photo of the church which might be included on the letterhead. The agreed upon projected date for mailing is July 13, 2023. Sylvia will ask John Adams if the town will cover the cost of printing and mailing.

Schedule an Open House before mailing the survey? The general purpose would be to acquaint residents with the building and possibly elicit suggestions for possible uses. The Open House will include refreshments. Tentative dates Friday July 28 6-8pm and Saturday July 29 10-12pm. Committee members may make a list of residents to whom they may extend a personal invitation.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15pm. Next meeting at 1pm Monday June 26 at the Church.

Prepared by
Ann Green (Secretary)