

**TOWN OF ORFORD  
CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE  
MEETING AUGUST 7, 2023  
Orford United Congregational Church**

**APPROVED**

**Attended by: Sylvia Paxton (Chair), Eva Daniels, Dave Smith, Ann Green, Jenny Littlewood, and Heidi Peyton. Guest Martha Tecca**

**Minutes:**

Sylvia opened the meeting and welcomed guest Martha Tecca. Eva made a motion to accept the Minutes of July 31, 2023 and seconded by Jenny. Minutes were amended by David who noted that the word "Gothic" should be added in description of the Church in para. 5. Minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

Ann shared that she forwarded all emails received from Andrew Cushing of NH Preservation Alliance to John Adams for his information as the ex-officio committee member.

Martha was interested in possible uses of the church. Heidi summarized the Committee's plans and presented the revised poster. Jenny made a motion to accept revisions, and seconded by Dave. Motion passed unanimously. Heidi also reported that music will be provided by Byron Berwick at the Open House. Committee reviewed and gave some additional sites on the poster distribution list drafted by Heidi. Members agreed to post the posters the week of 21st, and will assume responsibility for the following areas. Dave agreed to cover Lyme, and Thetford sites; Heidi will cover Piermont, Rivendell Schools, and Peyton Place restaurant. Ann will post at Orford sites; Eva will cover Fairlee sites, and Sylvia will post in Bradford.

Suggested target date for the mailing of the introductory letter is August 25. In the interim, Ann agreed to draft a note for Orford list serve summarizing the Committee membership and role and its plan to seek input from the community of possible uses for the church building.

The need to address the contents of the questionnaire was mentioned. It was suggested that we reevaluate following the community attendance to the Open Houses.

Jenny reported that she was meeting with the Orford Social Library Trustees on August 6. Dave volunteered to attend as well. Jenny also advised that Carol Boynton, Trustee of the Free Library, is planning to attend the Committee mtg on August 14.

Sylvia will review and may revise the Handout materials for Open Houses.

Jenny announced that she cannot attend the next two meetings. Next meeting will be held on August 14 at 1pm at the Church

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Green (Secretary)