

**TOWN OF ORFORD  
CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE  
MEETING September 5, 2023  
Orford Congregational Church**

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

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

**Minutes:**

Sylvia opened the meeting at 1:05pm. She made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 22, 2023, and seconded by Eva. They were approved unanimously.

Following a discussion, members agreed to extend invitations to the Open Houses/Tours to a select few, including the Selectboard, and other Town personal, Librarians and Library Trustees, and Andrew Cushing of NH Preservation Alliance.

It was decided to have the revised list entitled "What Can you Imagine" available as a handout for the tours. Eva will make 20-25 copies initially and do more as needed. Sylvia suggested that additional information may be included in future communiques on the Listserve.

Heidi shared Andrew Cushing's recent visit to both churches. He will send a report of his visit. Both Eva and Heidi were very impressed by his interest in the buildings and view him as a very valuable resource in his knowledge of funding streams, etc.

Preparations for the Open House were reviewed. Eva has a sandwich board that will be placed in front of church announcing the events. Ann will contact Brad MacCormick to ask if we can borrow the Orford Bandstand Committee's sandwich board for Bridge Street. Ann Has contacted the JO and VN. Refreshments were reviewed again. Heidi offered to bring fruit and cheese platters and Jim Peyton will make quiche for Saturday. Jenny will bring cool beverage containers for cider and water. Heidi will send info of the musicians who will be providing music.

Dave announced that with the aid of a drone, Shawn Washburn took pictures of areas of the building that will be inaccessible to the public. He and Liz Wilson will arrange for photos to be on view at the events.

Ann agreed to write a brief history of the church to be available as a handout.

Next meeting will be held on Monday Sept 11 at 1pm at the Church.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:10pm.

Submitted by

Ann Green (Secretary)