

**TOWN OF ORFORD
CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE
Meeting September 18 , 2023
Orford United Congregational Church**

APPROVED

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

MINUTES:

Sylvia opened the meeting at 1:10pm. She made a motion to accept the Minutes of Sept 11, 2023; seconded by Dave. They were approved unanimously as read .

Committee members reviewed the success of the recent tours/Open Houses of the church building. Approximately 50 Orford residents attended. Conversations conveyed a sincere interest in the future of the building and possible purposes ranging from Day Care to housing and a possible site for a town Central Library. The Committee discussed of how to reach others who did not attend. It was decided to mail a town-wide questionnaire. Sylvia will bring suggested questions for the questionnaire to next meeting.

Members agreed to write thank you notes to individuals who contributed to the two events.

Sylvia is planning to meet with Anne Duncan Cooley this coming week to learn of financial resources that may be available to support specific uses of the building.

There was an introductory discussion of the content of the Committee's report to be submitted the Board of Selectmen by December 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm. Next meeting will be held on Sept 25 at 1pm at the Church.

**Submitted by,
Ann Green (Secretary)**