

**TOWN OF ORFORD  
CHURCH STUDY COMMITTEE  
Meeting October 9, 2023  
Orford United Congregational Church**

**APPROVED**

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

**Minutes**

**Meeting was opened at 1;10PM. Sylvis made a motion to accept Minutes of Oct 2 meeting; seconded by Jenny. Minutes were passed as read.**

**Sylvia reminded Members that the Selectmen will be deciding to fund the mailing and printing of the questionnaire in their meeting scheduled this Wednesday Oct 11. In the interim, she will send the questionnaire to Town Assistant Administrator Esther Dobbins-Marsh who has offered to prepare for printing and mailing. Committee agreed to help with the folding for mailing. Sylvia will complete the Niles Application int the event the Selectboard does not approve town funds.**

**Sylvia reported that Dave DeSimone will complete a walk-through of the church building on Friday Nov 3 at noon. She also reported that Ted Cooley said the questionnaire could be entered as a PDF on the Orford listserve.**

**Upon Heidi's request, written comments received from attendees of the recent Open Houses/tours were reviewed.**

**Consideration of costs of relocating Town Offices and establishing a Central Library is a concern. Sylvia would research the amortization over a 9-10year period of the costs of upgrading the present Town Offices as reported in the 2004 Long Range Planning Summary. The Library Study Committee report did not project costs of establishing a Central Library. It was decided to delay projecting costs of the church until Dave DeSimone does a walk through.**

**Committee members reviewed the suggested Content of the Committee's Report for the BOS. Members agreed to write following sections: Heidi will address the funding resources section; Ann and Dave will write the history of the building; Ann and Eva will summarize actions and timeline of the Committee; Jenny will address the possible uses and Sylvia will address current costs of Town Offices, libraries, and church building. It was agreed to prepare a conclusion" and perhaps highlight important informational points for dissemination throughout the Orford community.**

**Meeting was adjourned at 2:05pm. Next meeting will be held at 1pm on Monday, Oct 16 at the Church.**

**Submitted by,**

**Ann Green (Secretary)**