

Houston Barn Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
September 17, 2021  
Slusser Center

Present: Pete H., Don H., Lee W., Jason L., Dave F., Louise C.

Guest: Frank LeMay - Milestone Construction Co.

Absent: Ben W., Justin P., Celina H.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

July 16, 2021 meeting minutes were approved as written. The August 20, 2021 minutes were approved as revised.

Don & Louise meet with Frank LeMay from Milestone Construction Company prior the regular meeting to give Frank a quick tour of the Houston Barn and to answer questions. Frank had been invited to attend our meeting so we could discuss the work needed to restore the barn for its current use, maintenance area for DPW and storage for the recreation department and HYSA. Frank had also received a copy of Peter Ladd's report along with the SFC Structural Engineering report prior the meeting for his review. It was agreed that the estimate we will receive from Milestone Construction will be the fee associated with gathering the cost estimates that will include the following and in the order of priority.

Stabilize the barn, according to Peter's report, complete the structural reinforcements needed to safely lift the barn.

Lift the barn, new foundation ,site drainage then set the barn down on new foundation.

Strip and install new metal roof.

Fire suppression system on lower and upper level of barn

Frank will provide the committee with a rough estimate for a basic municipal building for DPW maintenance area with the upper level to be used for the current storage needs. This will only include the building due to the lack of information of the specific location the building will be built. This cost will be given when the total project cost has been determined at a later date.

The committee asked Frank to provide what his cost would be for gathering the pertinent information so we can present it to the Select Board on September 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. We will be requesting the funds needed so we can provide them with the estimates for restoring the barn for the current use, demolish/dismantle the barn and the cost of a replacement building for DPW field maintenance shop and storage area. This will give the Select Board the information they need to make the decision on whether to restore the barn or dismantle it. Once a decision is made then the information will be presented at town meeting. The Select Board was also provided with the report completed by Peter Ladd and the Preservation Alliance that also details the critical work needed to stabilize the barn as is.

The committee had a brief discussion regarding the report compiled by Peter Ladd and the Preservation Alliance. It was voted to accept the report as written. At this time the committee didn't feel we needed to invite Peter to a meeting to answer any questions. The report will now be submitted to the Select Board.

Don presented an updated draft of the layout DPW would need at a minimum. Jason brought to our attention that the materials outlined would not meet the required standards for a municipal building. This will be addressed when an estimate is given for a replacement building for DPW maintenance area and the storage area for the current users.

Don & Louise's assignment last meeting was to seek information for a project coordinator and estimates for a new structural engineering report. Don contacted Milestone Construction as the project coordinator and due to Frank LeMay having an engineering background did not contact Mike Metcalf from Underwood Engineering. Louise contacted Old Barn & Home Company and Josh Heino will be submitting his cost associated with gathering the information needed to restore the barn for the current use. She also contacted the Turner Group for a structural engineering report cost but they did not return the call.

When the barn is raised for the new foundation, the current users will need a place to store their items. Dave contacted Mike Panniello, Century Leasing Co., to get estimates for storage containers. It will cost \$40 a week for a 40' container or \$60 a week for a storage trailer with the additional cost of \$125 hour for door to door delivery. Don talked to Martin Marklin to see if he had any available space and he does not. Louise talked to John Herrick and he presently doesn't have any room in his storage buildings but to contact him when the time gets nearer. He is willing to donate space on a temporary basis for either trailer storage or if room is available in one of the storage buildings.

Celina has accepted a position at a different place of employment so she is no longer able to attend the Friday morning meetings. After a brief discussion it was suggested, Louise reach out to her to see if she can make a Tuesday evening meeting so we can continue her involvement.

#### Next Steps:

Jason will send the SFC images to Frank.

Louise will contact Celina & Ben to see if they are available for Tuesday evening meetings.

Don ask Bob LaPree to take images of the barn roof with his drone.

#### Next Meetings:

Friday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 4:30 p.m. Slusser Center

Monday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30 p.m. Town Hall Select Board meeting

Oct 15<sup>th</sup> regular scheduled meeting if not changed to Tuesday evenings Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Slusser Center. October date to be determined.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Louise Carr