

**Historic Preservation Commission Meeting Minutes  
January 8, 2015**

Present: HPC members David Schutz, Susan Weber, Chris Cochran, Reed Cherington, Ernest Parrish, Syver Rogstad, Scott Bassage

David Schutz called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm at the Calais Town Office.

**1. Approval of previous meeting minutes.**

The minutes of December 16, 2014 were approved. Cochran, Weber.

**2. Draft a proposed resolution for Town Meeting**

We discussed a resolution to get a sense of the town's support for the Town Hall. We realized that we are not ready, as a group, to draft a resolution.

**3. Follow up with "Updated Recommendations" write-up**

We continued to struggle with the specifics of how best to present our recommendations for what needs doing and how much it will cost. We agree that we must repair the foundation, but additional work really depends on how the building will be used in the future.

If the building is to be used for Town Meetings and occasional dinners, we need to expand seating capacity by replacing the pews with more efficient seating, we need to remove the lift (and interior staircase?) to make more room for seating, and we need to explore using the downstairs as overflow with sound and video connection.

If the building is to be used for overflow from the Town Office the remodeling priorities would be quite different.

If some other, not yet considered, use emerges, then the work above and beyond foundation may well be still different.

**4. Prepare for our appearance before the Selectboard at their January 12<sup>th</sup> meeting**

We agreed that the Selectboard needs to share our sense of the crisis of the failed Town Hall foundation and downstairs floor. The building is essentially unusable. Letting the Town Hall collapse is not an option. We need to do substantial work on the foundation. If not this year, then in 2016-17. We also agree that we need to ask the Selectboard and the citizens for their ideas on the future use of the building.

**4. Create a regular meeting plan.**

We agreed to hold regular meetings on the second Tuesday of each month.