

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF HAMPTON FALLS**

**APRIL 15, 2021- 2:00 PM
TOWN HALL**

FINAL

PRESENT: L. Gargiulo, Chairman; M. R. Lane, Vice Chairman; E. B. Beattie Selectman;
L. A. Ruest, Town Administrator

GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS – 45 EXETER ROAD – FRONT STEPS AND COLUMNS:

G. Aldrich of Aldrich Carpentry was present to discuss with the Board his findings as a result of opening up the areas being improved. He reported significant rot in the front porch frame, decking, bases of the columns and the columns themselves (2).

A multi-part invoice was presented and reviewed. Each aspect of the identified work was reviewed by the carpenter and recommendations made. Materials include pressure treated wood and PVC/fiberglass/composite decking, trim, refabricated boxes and columns.

Question was raised with regard to the materials meeting historic restoration standards and/or whether there has been any community input. It was noted that the front porch once had four columns and that this may be an opportunity to return to a previous design. Following discussion, this was not recommended, due to safety reasons, in that the areas of access and egress would be blocked forcing access or egress to areas of concern along Route 88.

Of concern in the decision making is that the carpenter anticipated three days to complete the work first requested, has found significant problems and has been addressing them for two weeks. The Board agreed that the work proposed was in order to improve the structural integrity overall.

MOTION: To waive the Purchasing Policy terms and allow this work to be done as the project area remains opened and in emergency need to finalize.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS

MOTION: To approve an additional \$6,874 for the purpose of replacement of rotted column bases (\$2,374 for replacement of rotten columns and \$4,500 to reproduce the column support boxes) in order to finish the front entrance work at the Museum; funds to paid from the Government Buildings Expendable Trust Fund.

MOTION: E. BEATTIE
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS

No other business was discussed at this time.

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting at 2:13 p.m.

MOTION: L. GARGUILO
SECOND: M. LANE
UNANIMOUS