

**NHPG Annual Public Meeting  
Studio 550 Manchester Sunday, March 20, 2022**

**Present:** Andy Hampton, Don Williams, Al Jaeger, Lydia Gray, Linda Fletcher, Pam Knowle, Barbara Source, Eric Maglio, Belinda Bodnar, Lil Bailey, Hiromi Satoh, Christina Bellinger, Kathy Kriegel, Diane Lane, Trisha Eisner, Jeri Neider, Bonnie Hoyt, Rebecca Hillman, Claire Provencher, Patsy Belt.

Joining via Zoom: Donna Pioli, John Boland, Lori Rollason, Jen Sparks, Christine Henderson, Wendy Jackson.

**Secretary's report** from 1/16/2022 is posted on the web page.

**Treasurers' Report:** Checking: \$26,659.90, 12 Month CD \$3,005.57, 6 month CD \$1,450.52. Total \$31,115.99.

Dues income January to March 19: \$926.45 Donations - \$3.36

Expenses: NH Annual Report filing fee: \$75.00, Studio 550 Art Center Meeting: \$75.00.

Total Expenses - \$150.00

**Election of new officers:** Corresponding Secretary - (co-chairs): Pamela Nowell, Rebecca Hillman. Treasurer: Kathy Kriegel. Voted unanimously. Andy gave sincere thanks to Bonnie and Hiromi for their years of service to the Guild.

**Biennial Committee:** Voting for the name of show. The winner is Storied in Clay.

**Kiln Committee:**

Proposal for woodshed and kiln shed expansion from Noah Garrison. This will be constructed with volunteer labor by Guild members and friends. No set date to start yet. Lydia Gray made a motion to approve the funds needed, Lil Bailey second.

Comments by Andy: Al is gifting his land to the Bear paw Conservation group and asked about the contingencies of being able to use the land. Al replied that the kiln and 200 feet surrounding will be for use of the Guild. Bear Paw needs to improve the driveway in to be able to use Al's land. It seems that they will be able to do that with a capital drive fund. The fire chief and planning board haven't gotten their plan together yet. Andy: we don't have a timeframe yet? Al: as soon as the ground clears. Al says he is now 80. He specified that NHPG has the shed and surrounding for 20 years after Al dies, and Bear Paw and NHPG can negotiate for 20 years after that. Al added that it is possible that the guild will have access to wood on the land for the kiln. Someone asked if Al has full use of the woods until he dies - for posts for example. Yes, he does.

The first workday to prep wood scheduled is May 7. End of May early June is the plan to begin excavating. The wood will have to be moved off the ground area before that.

**Motion passed unanimously.** Lydia: working on online sign ups for kiln use next year. Plan is to have all the sign ups for open firings and work parties. They will be posted on kiln event page.

Dates: May 6-8, Work day May 7, June 3-5, September TBD based on tentative kiln opening fundraiser with Kelly Stelling contemporary Sept 17, Oct 6-8.

The kiln committee is planning a disclaimer for people to sign off on. When people sign up to fire, they make a \$20 non refundable deposit and sign the form. If they participate in the firing the

\$20 comes out of their cost. If they do not participate, the money is a donation. There will also be a link to join NHPG. Membership is required to participate in the kiln.

## NHPG kiln shed construction proposal 2022

The kiln committee of the NHPG proposes to add onto the existing kiln shed in two areas.

### Wood shed:

The first is the addition of a roof projecting off the existing building approximately 8 feet on the "uphill" side. This would serve as storage for kiln firewood where it could remain under cover and well organized. This area would have no slab and the existing entry to the kiln pad on the center of the wall would remain in place and would continue to serve as the main entry to the existing building. It would have a metal roof, hemlock posts cut from AI's land with the remainder of the building materials purchased from a local mill. The total size of this addition would approximately 8'x20' and would be built with volunteer labor from guild members and friends.

### Kiln shed:

The second addition would be a gable addition projecting off the "back" of the existing building. This is the end of the building closest to the chimney on the existing kiln and furthest from the driveway. It would house the new kiln and would be built on a slab stepped to the kiln design. This addition would be approximately 16'x24' on a slab and there would be an additional wood storage area of approximately 8'x24' built off the side with a shed roof that will match the kiln shed roof above. Again, the plan is to have no slab under the wood storage portion. This addition would also largely be constructed with volunteer labor by guild members and friends.

### Costs:

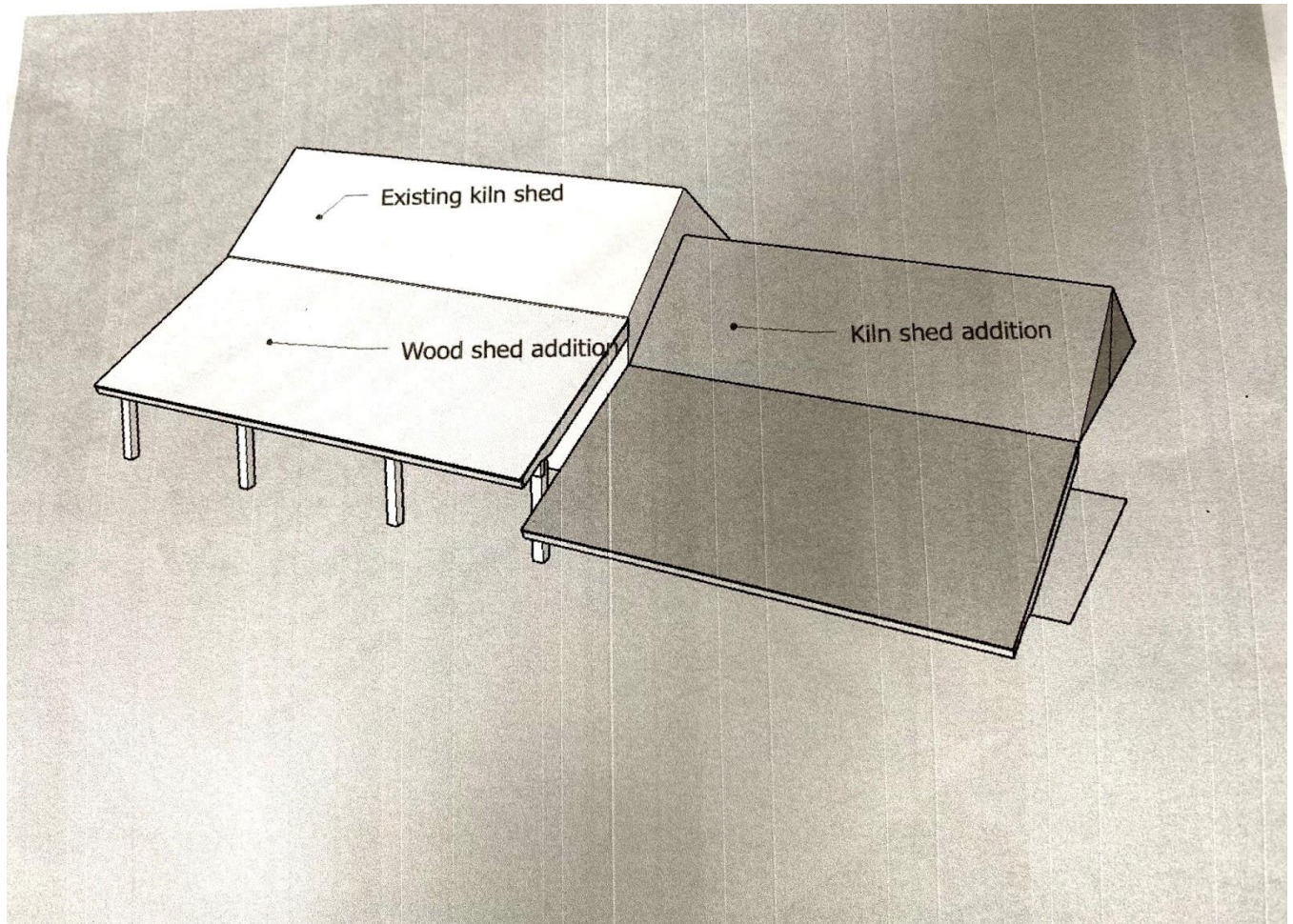
The estimated costs for construction supplies and materials are broken down as follows:

- Excavation (prep area of new slab by outside excavator) 960.00
- Concrete (materials/delivery only for 9.5 yds concrete for 8" thick slab - slab to be poured and finished by volunteers) 1500.00
- Posts (hemlock supplied by AI, cut and stripped by volunteers) no cost
- Framing lumber and fasteners 3000.00
- Metal roofing 1620.00
- Contingency (none of these prices are locked in and are subject to go up over time, this amount is 10% of the total amount and an attempt to cover unanticipated or rising costs. As such, it may go unused.) 708.00

The total estimated materials and supplies cost is 7788.00

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**New Business:**

**Guild Demo/Info tent at the League Fair** - Claire will take the lead on it and asked for volunteers. The sign up form asks for preferred days we want to be there. The hours are 10 am to 5 pm. Andy suggested 7-14 people, but the form suggests only 4-6 demonstrators to allow social distancing. We'd like to have some informational and promotional information as well as demonstrators. We are hoping to get Thursday, August 11 since we typically have our pot luck gathering at Sunapee state park beach that evening. Volunteers to assist Claire: Jeri Nieder, Bonnie Hoyt, Christine Bellinger, Diane Lane and Lil Bailey. Claire will mail in the application. Wendy Jackson commented that she is working with the League on a mentorship program for young learners.

**Events happening that might interest NHPG members:** Send event information to [Pamelanowell@gmail.com](mailto:Pamelanowell@gmail.com). Examples: Cackleberries Garden Center Meredith art event, and Launchspaceorange.com - Orange, MA makerspace.

**June Meeting:** Sunday the 12th at Al's. 1pm for Board, 2pm for general members. Al mentioned he talked to Rachel Montroy from the League about having next January's meeting at their headquarters in Concord.