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To Dan Quinn
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Hi Dan,

We will be replacing the wood roof of the Meetinghouse this fall. More information on this project than you are likely to want may be found at:

<http://www.rs41.org/Meetinghouse/roof.htm>

Because the bid for the roof came under the estimate we have some grant money that can be spent on refurbishing the clock faces. These were last worked on in the early 90s but the gilding has now faded and has become spotty, particularly on the south side.

It seems logical to do the four faces prior to or at the same time as replacing the roof. The east face is particularly important to refurbish prior to the new roof being in place, if at all possible, as we don't want to jeopardize the new roof in the process of working on the face.

Our usual clock person, who comes twice a year to service the Meetinghouse and Womans Club clocks, has submitted a proposal but we would like to have at least another one which is why I'm seeking you out. I know you did the Womans Club faces and they are still bright.

Scope of Work: Replace any deteriorated wood of the clock faces; paint the faces; re-gild the numerals, minute and hour marks; make new hands, if needed, to match the originals, gild with 23k gold leaf. All work to conform with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. It's unclear whether or not the faces themselves can be worked on in place or whether they need to be removed. If removed a space in Jaffrey can be provided for the refurbishment if required. Gilding could probably be undertaken by Walt Hautanen, our local sign painter, if required. (He re-gilded the Meetinghouse weathervane back in the early 1990s.)

Work to be performed:

1. Remove hands, numerals, minute and hour marks. When the faces were done past the numerals and marks were fabricated in some sort of plastic so presumably they do not have to be re-fabricated.
2. Prepare, prime and paint faces with quality paint
3. Fabricate new clock hands, if necessary, from clear heart vertical grain western red cedar
4. Hands to match original in design and profile
5. Hands to be tapered lengthwise and mounted to their hubs with copper rivets
6. Balance hands and paint tail black
7. Prepare, prime and gild hands with 23K gold leaf
8. Prepare, prime and gild numerals, minute and hour marks with 23K gold leaf
9. Secure components with brass screws
10. Install hands, synchronize dials and set to correct time

If undertaking this work appeals to you, please let me know and provide an estimate which can be a range. If you want to come down to have a look at the faces and talk about the undertaking, let me know and I and others can meet with you.

Regards,

Rob Stephenson

Photos of the Meetinghouse may be seen at:

<https://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/Meetinghouse>

Within that there's a section on the roof: <https://rs41.smugmug.com/Jaffrey/Meetinghouse/The-Roof/>



