

Trustees of the Trust Funds
Stearns-Burton Committee

Joint Meeting

Meeting Location: New Ipswich Town Office, 661 Turnpike Road, New Ipswich

Meeting Date: July 27, 2022

Attendees: Bentti Hoiska, Jim Coffey, and Robert Zinsmeister

Meeting was called to order at 9:09 a.m.

Old Business:

The minutes of the July 7, 2022 meeting were read and approved.

New Business:

We again discussed our intent to try to dissolve the Ministerial Fund. This included reading Tom Donovan's letter (February this year) where he stated we could not do so by town meeting and proposed using a non-judicial settlement agreement (NJSA). And also reading a historical account of the fund written by Hazel Moore. Again, we were not able to make a case one way or another for dissolution. We decided we have three choices; do nothing and keep the fund inactive, use a NJSA and distribute the proceeds among the current churches, or use a NJSA and give the proceeds to the Children's Fair (Congregational church). Decision yet to be made.

We reviewed the documentation requested for the upcoming audit of the trust funds. Most investment information is available on the TBFA portal. We will print copies of the MS-9 and MS-10 reports. Records of deposits and disbursements are in our file cabinet so we should be good. (There is one issue; the receipt of residual income from closure of the 250th Anniversary fund was \$8.68 versus the \$9.48 we had expected.)

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New Business:

We read a letter to Roger Somero regarding a possible character presentation of Theodore Roosevelt. It lacked information on date and venue so we could not take any action at this time.

Meetings were adjourned at 11:16 a.m.