

Town of Groton  
Minutes of Community Building Committee  
September 8, 2015

Members: Mary Berlejung, Terry Dana, Erich Crum,  
Select Board: Peter Lyon and Mary Grant  
Guest: Colleen Darling

Mary Grant, chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02.

**Minutes** of June 14, 2015 were approved with the following correction: Terry Dana stated although Gilman Housing did offer to donate land for a new septic system they did not prepare a design and the Town did not follow through.

**Old Business**

**New septic system** - Terry said we need a new septic system for the Community Building before other work proceeds in order to accommodate increased use in the next few years. A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed unanimously to recommend the select board consider two options: pursue Housing Vermont property or property across 302 belonging to David Leach whose house would then tie in to new system.

**Status of Memory Wall** - Colleen Darling said part of the land for the wall belongs to the Cilley property and her understanding had been the wall would extend only from the artesian well. The Town may be able to obtain a copy of a signed, official survey that supports its claim. The Town will engage Otterman Surveyors to establish the corners of the property.

**Status of the Salt Shed** - Work is to be done by December 21, at the latest by Bo (Albert) Wilson.

**Community Building Stage and Ceiling** - A backboard that will tilt up at the stage end will be installed. Nathan Puffer is working on supports for backboards at both ends of the floor. Installation of the backboard at the stage end will require at least 18'6" height from the floor.

**New Business**

**Building Committee Board Members** – Some members have not attended several board meetings but have not submitted letters of resignation. Mary Berlejung will send a letter to these members requesting confirmation of their Building Committee Minutes 9-8-15

desire to continue on the board. Peter announced the appointment of a new member: Larry Luppi.

**Selection of design firm for addition to Community Building.** Peter said that we need a design with just enough detail required for submission with a grant application. Terry moved that the Select Board choose an architect to do a rough that will meet qualifications for grant money. Mary B. seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

**Fund Raising for community building addition.** Peter suggested we seek advice from the Town of Plainfield, successful fund raising effort and may be able to give us some guidance. Mary B. will send a letter to Plainfield suggesting a meeting with some of the people involved.

**Energy and Community Building Committee -** Peter advised the Energy Committee has been merged with the Community Building Committee and their budgets have been combined. Mary Grant advised the committee members to reexamine the duties and responsibilities of an energy committee. Members will need some expertise and be aware there is a lot of oversight by the state. Peter stated that the Town stands to benefit from installation of solar panels on town property. Grant money is available for qualified proposals.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Berlejung