

Town Of Groton, Vermont – Building Committee Minutes, November 10, 2015 (Draft)

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Building Committee of November 10, 2015 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway.

Attendance for the meeting included: Larry Luppi, Stan Pierce, Terry Dana, Mary Berlejung, Mary Grant and Dan Robinson.

The Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Updates/Adjustments to the Agenda:

For personal reasons, Terry Dana wished to relinquish his position as Committee Chair and moved to appoint Eric Crum, Stan seconded the motion, and the committee voted unanimously in favor. Stan moved to appoint Terry Vice-chair of the committee, Eric seconded the motion and the Committee voted unanimously in favor.

Stan Moved to approve the minutes of the October 6th 2015 meeting, Terry seconded the motion and the Committee Voted unanimously to approve.

Old Business:

Memory Wall Update - Mary Grant reported that the Otterman survey was complete, however the Building Committee still needed a copy of the report. There is still \$2500.00 cost associated with with the memory wall that is awaiting a funding source. The remaining work to cap the project is in the planning process.

Salt Shed Update – Mary Grant and Terry Dana reported that the work is complete

Stage and Ceilings – Mary Grant reported that the Ceilings have been done. However during that process the insulation in the ceiling had to be removed. She is aware of grants of up to \$22,000 for insulation and energy saving related projects. The Committee needs a copy of the energy audit conducted on the community building in order to complete any grant requests. Dan Robinson said he would work with the Town Clerk to locate and forward the audit. The insulation is a priority going into the heating season. Dan informed the Committee that Peter Lyon had posted RFP's for replacing the insulation, hoping to get some bids to give him and the Building Committee an idea of the cost of that project.

New Business:

New Septic System for the Community Building – Dan Robinson made a copy of a feasibility study that was conducted in 2010 for water and waste/septic. Further research needs to be done to see what if any funds were received and what those funds were applied towards. Mary Grant suggested that the committee look for grant monies to conduct a more recent survey/audit to provide a more accurate project cost. The committee is looking for ways to boost the Community Building's use. A plan to fix the septic issue has to be a priority. Dan distributed estimates from Power's Plumbing for repairing/replacing the sewer vents which caused the drains to back up during Fall Foliage prep. The estimates will be discussed at a later date if there is end of year money available.

Community Building Addition Update – In reference to the facility’s ongoing septic issue, The Committee has decided to table this project until the estimated costs of fixing the septic system are known and a plan has been discussed.

Fund Raising for the Community Building – Mary Berlejung attended a meeting with David Strong who is a Select Board Member in Plainfield, VT. The meeting revolved around fund raising that Plainfield did for the Opera House and Community Building. Mary passed on some great notes and committee members added to her comments with more ideas, including a donation collection at the Community Building restrooms that would help offset the cost of pumping after Fall Foliage, selling town related bumper stickers to help pay for smaller cosmetic projects.

The committee also discussed Gutter installation to help with the drainage on the back side of the building. Terry reported that he had an estimate of \$3000. Dan also asked the Committee to consider some additional archive space for the storage of town records. The vault is slowly becoming more unmanageable and is beginning to hinder productivity. The Committee provided Ideas for Dan to take to the Town Clerk for her input

Eric made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Stan seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Dan Robinson, Committee Secretary