

## **Schoolhouse Task Force**

Minutes of Meeting

December 3, 2013

**Present:** Pete Czaja, Roger Frey, Millissa Frost, Amy Golodetz, Carla Hochschild, Susan Thomas

### **Past Schoolhouse Efforts**

The group perused the binders from the town vault that document all the work done over 5 years in the 1980s by the Underhill Historical Society to restore the schoolhouse to its 1915 appearance. It had lost most of its original features, was derelict, and had been used as a town garage for many years.

### **Schoolhouse Insurance and Expenses**

Roger reported that the schoolhouse is insured under the town's policy through the Vermont League of Cities and Towns. Schoolhouse portion amounts to about \$2000/yr.? This amount would change if the building were occupied. Renters of space in town buildings pay an additional insurance amount determined by the VLCT according to the event. Additional expenses for the schoolhouse in the past year amounted to approximately \$2000? There were questions about why these amounts are so high. There was a discussion about the town's responsibility for maintaining the building.

### **Town Meeting and Annual Report Presence**

A question was raised about the possibility of asking for funds at Town Meeting to help with insurance so that renting the space wouldn't be so expensive. It was decided a more productive route would be to go through the regular town budget process. Need to check the deadlines for that. But it was decided it's important to submit a task force report to be included in the Town Annual Report. Everyone will submit their ideas to Amy, who will edit. The possibility of having an information table at town meeting, with a photo display and possibly a survey, was also discussed. Susan distributed a rudimentary survey draft. The group will concentrate on the Annual Report, since that deadline is approaching quickly.

### **Next Meeting**

Next meeting will be at 6:30 on Wed., December 17, 2013, at the Town Hall.

Minutes submitted by Susan Thomas