

Schoolhouse Task Force

Minutes of Meeting

April 2, 2014

Present: Pete Czaja, Roger Frey, Millissa Frost, Greg Leech, Susan Thomas

Maintenance of Town Buildings

There was a question about how the rent from the Post Office - \$9100/yr. - is used. Does it go into the general fund? Is there a maintenance plan for Town buildings? Other towns have Buildings and Grounds Committees. Perhaps the Task Force should recommend that the Town establish one in its recommendations and outline a maintenance plan. Roger mentioned that the Post Office had received a \$10,000 grant to weatherize the building.

Use of the Schoolhouse

As the weather improves, people need to be encouraged to use the Schoolhouse. The Task Force should coordinate with the Underhill Historical Society regarding events that could be held there.

History of the Schoolhouse

The Task Force needs to compile a history of the Schoolhouse for the final report. Betty Moore has already written a history, and there is much information in the Town vault. Millissa will work on this, and Susan mentioned the Chittenden County Historical Society makes grants for such research projects.

Building and Site Challenges

Greg contacted Messier House Moving in Montpelier and was quoted about \$100,000 to move the building. Susan will contact the firm that moved the St. George Schoolhouse. Greg also talked with an architect who said sprinklers would not be required. The existing composting toilet is not ADA approved because of the width of the door. There was a discussion of mound systems and the system behind the Country Store.

Report Format

Millissa shared a report on the Hartford VT Municipal Building that is presented in a format that the Task Force might adapt for its report.

Meeting with Preservation Trust Representative

Pete talked with Ann Cousins of the Preservation Trust of Vermont about meeting with the Task Force. Everyone is available April 9, and we will meet at the Schoolhouse.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm on Wed., April 9, 2014, at the Schoolhouse.

Minutes submitted by Susan Thomas