

**DATE:** 5/7/2013

**SUBJECT:** Building Committee Meeting Minutes of 4/23/2013

**Present:** Rhea Taylor, Peter Martel, Melissa Clark, Bruce Nixon

**Absent:** Jim Cleary

Meeting began at 7:15PM.

- 1) Minutes were read and approved
- 2) Grant activity:
  - a) Community Development Grants – It's understood that Bennington does not qualify.
  - b) LCHIP grant information was presented by Rhea – we need to find out if, how much and when money is available. Bruce will pursue this.
  - c) Energy grants – Pete will pursue this through the Energy Committee.
  - d) VFW National Committee & NH Veterans Association – Melissa agreed to follow up on this.
  - e) Railroad grants – Peter will look into this as well.
- 3) We need to continue our search for interior picture taken before the VFW took possession of the building. Rhea and Melissa will continue to work this in conjunction with setting up a tour of Bennington Historical Society.
- 4) Peter set up a blog site on Google for posting committee updates, minutes, sketches, photos, etc. as way of keeping everything in one location and to keep others informed of the committee's progress. This site is very easy to work with and can be easily linked to the Towns web site, if it is so desired.
- 5) Tour Hancock Railroad station possible the afternoon of May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bruce will set that up. (Due to prior commitments the May 3<sup>rd</sup> tour did not happen, a new date will be arranged.)
- 6) We need to contact Kristy LaPlante for more grant opportunities and information. Bruce will pursue this.
- 7) Ideas parking lot: Kitchen, handicap restrooms, ramp, VFW storage, Storage of tables and chairs (possibly under counters), heat, hot water, old ticket window, old drinking fountain, gas lines.
- 8) Usage brainstorm: VFW, Scouts, Recreation committee, community supper, public rental, elections, various meetings, paper mill union meeting, additional town conference room.
- 9) Peter located a box of asbestos floor tiles in the attic.

10) Next meeting May 14 at 7:15pm.

Meeting ended at 8:45PM

Respectfully Submitted  
Bruce Nixon - Chair