

Bennington Building Committee

August 20, 2013

Meeting began at 7:15

Attendance: Bruce Nixon, Rhea Taylor, Peter Martel

Absent: Melissa Clark

Peter reported on the status of grants and architects.

The NH Preservation grant has been submitted and acknowledged as received. The decision committee was due to meet today (8/20/13) so we hope to get an answer soon.

Peter wrote to NEGEF sharing the nature of our project and the appropriateness of asking them for a grant and got a positive response, encouraging an emphasis on the variety of community activities the building could be used for. (NEGEF is the New England Grassroots Environmental Fund; the Energy Committee and the Building Committee are asking them for a small grant (\$1,000 or less) to provide funds for an energy expert to consult on the project, for advice regarding the range of weatherization and heating and other energy choices, and to help evaluate the value (long- and short-term) of the options.

Sheer McCrystal Paulson's proposal came in at \$6,500. Peter replied indicating the budget was for \$5,000, and asked if they were willing to reduce the cost of their proposal, indicating that we were willing to do much of the work. We haven't heard back yet.

Going forward.

Peter will seek out estimates and will write the grant for NEGEF by the next meeting and will also begin the process for an LCHIP grant.

Bruce indicated he was resigning from the committee, but would help anyway that he could.

We feel confident that we can begin the work of running new (or extended) water and sewer lines to the rear addition at anytime. Shortly after we hear about the grant, we anticipate being able to begin initial interior work.

Rhea will ask Joe MacGregor for a time to meet with the Conservation Commission, in order to share and discuss thoughts about the future uses of the Railroad Station, and to seek their formal support.

Peter will talk to Jeff Rose and Tom James about joining our committee, and he'll also ask Steve Campbell for a suggestion for a member from the VFW.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 8/29/13 at the town hall.

Respectfully submitted, Peter K. Martel