

# Bennington Building Committee

July 8, 2014

Attendance: Tom James, Peter Martel, Jeff Rose, Rhea Taylor

Meeting began at 6:10PM

Minutes from 7/1/14 were approved

Margaret and Alison can both be here on 7/15th

The Drasba report was reviewed and though there were several grammatical errors and some factual inconsistencies, an assumption was made that it is a draft and we took notes regarding the any questions and clarifications.

We went over and expanded upon the following list:

- 1- The current building overhang is not wide enough to cover the wheelchair ramp.
- 2- Option to have just one large window on east (parking lot) side.
- 3- Bead board not a good air barrier. (also see 4 below)
- 4- Lead paint issues interior and exterior?
- 5- Consider closed cell spray foam insulation as an option; is it possible lining the framing with plastic sheets to address preservation concerns?.
- 6- Do we need an accessible ramp on the front entrance? See page 28 re the need for two ramps.
- 7- Can the 2nd original door location on the east side be an alternative to the front (south) door? Can dual accessibility be accommodated this way? (see Page 19 of the Scully draft)
- 8- Priorities and the sequence of the project matters in decisions. Priorities include water, foundation repairs, bathrooms, accessibility, heating adjustments, and getting it to a useable state.
- 9- Possible fundraising (via energy committee) based on the idea that this could serve as an model for innovation, combining energy efficiency and historic preservation, and having it be a teaching model/learning center.
- 10- How much foundation work is required?
- 11- Are the floors level?
- 12- Are all small meeting room current window locations original and is original framing intact?
- 13- Kitchen? We want a reasonable functional kitchen incorporated into the design, with the assumption being in the NE corner of the smaller meeting room,
- ~~14- Are the doors between the meeting spaces conducive to voting needs?!~~

- 15- Ask about height of ceiling preferences for the large space (considered even to the roof, to reflect original size of room). Ask Margaret about significant differences in heating requirements.(see 16 below)
- 16- Can we preserve the cubbies currently seen in the attic? How does that affect heating/ ceiling, and how does that get incorporated into any framing decisions?
- 17- Can the original office be designed into the plan for future use (when the larger space is not needed for things like voting) as a space to safely store files and access to printers, phone, computer etc...
- 18- pg 12 & 20 & 23 Framing facts inconsistent
- 19- M Dillon's Pg 16 Ceiling, using SPF option?
- 20- M Dillon's pg17, is there sheetrock between double walls?
- 21- Removing back chimney?
- 22- Perhaps windows on the south end as they were on the north end (as seen on Scully draft cover/pg 1)?.
- 23- Needs to be determine: the needs for an emergency warming center (check w/ Dee for explanation).
- 24- Is there a determination regarding need to removing exterior siding due to condition, lack of originality, lead paint?

We "toured" the outside of the building.

Jeff will check in with the BOS.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Peter K. Martel