

Bennington Building Committee

August 29, 2013

Meeting began at 7:05

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

Absent: Melissa Clark

Peter shared that we were rewarded a NH Preservation Grant for \$2,500, with the town matching \$2,500. There was some question as to where the paperwork is, but it is believed to be at the office, left with the Selectmen yesterday. This is for hiring an architect (or other preservation expert) to do a Condition Assessments and Feasibility Re-Use Report.

The committee agreed to hire Dave Drasba of Dan Scully's firm in Keene. Peter will notify him and get a schedule for services. Steve will ask the office/BOS chair to get the paperwork signed and sent to NH Preservation and Dave Drasba. Peter will email a copy of the proposal to the office, and will also inform Sheer McCrystal Paulson of the decision.

Peter wrote to Margaret Dillon, seeking a proposal for advising the architect and the committee on energy preservation and heating alternatives. Margaret was chosen based on the advice of others. He indicated the maximum budget is \$1,000. Once the proposal is received, if it is under \$1,000 Peter will complete a NEGEF Grant seeking funds for her services.

We agree work on waterlines can begin anytime. Jeff and Steve will address this at the Selectmen's meeting, using either donated or town services for this. They will also address formally appointing Tom James to the committee and discuss our committee joining the NH Preservation Alliance (\$50/year, getting us their newsletters informing us of various granting opportunities and other relevant information).

Rhea will to see about getting a Conservation Commission member to join the committee (or at least their more formal support), and Peter will continue to seek Steve Campbell (current VFW commander) for a suggestion for a member from the VFW.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday 9/12/13 at the town hall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25

Respectfully submitted, Peter K. Martel