

# Bennington Building Committee Minutes

April 21, 2015

Attendance: Peter Martel, Jeff Rose, Steve Osienski, and David Mckenzie.

Meeting began at 7:30PM

Peter shared updates and responses from Deb Gagne of NH Div of Historical Resources (NHDHR) , Beverly Thomas of NH Preservation (NH Pres.), Dave Drasba Architect and Steve Smith of Steve Smith Masonry.

We received initial approval from NHDHR to move forward with the Moose Plate Grant application (Peter M will finish this by Friday when it is due).

Beverly Thomas replied to our Report with comments requiring some changes that are easy and will be modified by David Drasba. Additional concerns need to be addressed in consultation with LCHIP and NHDHR if we are going to pursue LCHIP funding. This included work on the foundation. Dave Drasba suggested he and Peter M. meet with Beverly in Concord (cost estimate \$300-\$400) to review those concerns. The committee felt it was best if Peter arranges a visit with LCHIP and NHDHR either in Bennington (preferred, w/ Drasba) or in Concord (without Drasba, but with Steve O, and/or Jeff R), ASAP so we can move forward as quickly as possible with the Foundation work. Peter M will ask Beverly tomorrow, 4/22/15.

Peter M shared info regarding the brick work from the contacted masons, Steve Smith and Steve Cullinan, and related conversations with Dave Drasba. It was agreed we'll seek the option of removing most of the existing brick and replace any block work, in order to create a more stable foundation. This will also be on the agenda when meeting with Beverly, et al. We'll also ask about being able to spend money now and still be eligible to get grants.

We will meet again, with the Energy Committee if possible, jointly on 4/28/15 at 7pm at the Town Hall. Peter M. will ask Dee to post it as a joint meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter K. Martel

**Note: This shall be considered final unless revised before 4/28/15**