

# Bennington Building and Energy Committee Minutes

Jan 20, 2015

Attendance: Tom James, Peter Martel, Jeff Rose, Steve Osienski, Peter Eppig, Molly Eppig, and David Mckenzie. Guest David Drasba

Meeting began at 7:05PM

David Drasba gave us a rundown on the final draft of the report, with the following noted for future reference:

If sampling of bricks and mortar can be done by the town committee members, significant savings can be had, as it is time consuming getting good matches.

The upper part of the chimney is in rough shape and David suggested it should be taken down ASAP.

The foundation does not meet current code for frost depth, and the sloping of some of the ground actually heads toward the building. There are no signs of frost damage or excessive moisture in the crawl space, but regrading and adding drainage to daylight (toward the back of the lot) as well as horizontal insulation around the perimeter should help prevent any future frost issue as well as improve the crawl space insulation.

When doing the brick work, we should ask for a quote for getting the addition brick work done.

We should be sure to get a good repointing contractor to do the brick repointing (a good mason is not enough) David had at least one suggestion for a contractor who does work on the Brick Mill buildings in Harrisville.

David has a few adjustments to the report but he indicated he should be done by Thursday, and will send the final PDFs after it is done. Of note, the last page of the foundation report needs to be fixed so it renders correctly on all computers, and there was an adjustment to be made regarding rebar spacing. Peter M will forward the final report to NH Preservation if David does not.

Our next steps include:

- Setting a timeline for moving forward
- Asking Margaret Dillon if she will adjust her report given the final presentation (Peter M.)
- Research dates for LCHIP (and other?) grant submissions (Peter E.)

We discussed using volunteer time, town equipment and materials, and other in-kind donations to offset grant matching requirements.

We will meet again jointly on 2/4 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 a Draft unless revised before 1/27/15**