

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2025

Meeting Type (telephone, in person, zoom): **Via Teams**

Board Members Present:

Catherine Tester – Chair
Lawrence Cupoli
Melisa Hurt

Board Members Absent:

Michael diMonda
LTC David Fabricius
Peg Flora - Excused

Invited Guests (staff members):

Asa Whitcomb, MSW, LICSW, LNHA COO/Deputy Administrator
Greg Krizan, Environmental Services Manager
Travis Oakes, VVH

Meeting Start Time: 11:05 a.m.

Strategic Goal(s) addressed: #2 Capitalize on the Bennington Asset

Contents and summary of discussions:

Reviewed Environmental Service Managers Report and commended his leadership and his team's accomplishments over the last five months.

Discussed A wing mold remediation.

The preparation being done at Commandants' house.

Heating and HVAC concerns and the installation of heat pumps.

Committee reviewed video, audio, and acoustics proposal for the Cripse Room for hybrid fashion meeting requirements. The Crispe Room is primarily used for Trustee meetings, but it is also utilized for other training sessions. The goal is to have an updated sound and video system, so other groups may be more inclined to use the space for their public meetings.

Reviewed proposal presented by the Bennington Chamber of Commerce for the Garlic Fest 2025 Festival to use Vermont Veterans Home property.

Other issues/concerns addressed (if necessary):

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 21 at 11:00 a.m. in person weather permitting.

(email Report within 5 days of meeting to President De Gasta, Melinda Crowl and Robyn Boland)

Findings and Recommendations (if any):

Travis Oakley will bring three proposals for the Crispe Room audio, visual and acoustic upgrades.to the board of Trustee meeting in February.

B&G Committee Chair Tester will notify Melissa Jackson of decision on Garlic Fest and next steps.

Attachments (as required):

Future Agenda Items:

- Oxygen tanks on Brandon

Meeting end time (adjournment): 11:43 am



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Committee Chair

(sign and date)

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