

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Date: Friday, January 26, 2024

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

Board Members Present:

Catherine Tester – Chair
Lawrence Cupoli
Michael diMonda

Board Members Absent:

LTC David Fabricius

Invited Guests (staff members):

Jon Endres, Environmental Services Director
Asa Morin, MSW, LICSW, LNHA COO/Deputy Administrator – Excused

Meeting Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

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

Contents and summary of discussions:

Project Update

Mr. Endres gave an overview of the multitude of projects he and his team are working on.

Projects completed or near completion: Access and Security System and Nurse call system. Training and maintenance protocol is underway for both systems.

Update on other ongoing major projects.

American Way reconstruction project: Meeting weekly with the design team and progressing on schematic design. Next few months will consist of specific layout of the building. Jon is working on a list of any hardware, devices, fixtures, and systems that are currently in use.

Project Funding: received funding from the state for four projects. Boiler upgrade/new energy efficient boilers, emergency generator replacement, reconditioning or replacing elevators and extending geo-thermal to East Room and Crisp Room.

Electrical Lighting Upgrade: Through Efficiency Vermont upgrade our electric lighting from fluorescent to LED. This is expected to reduce our energy consumption by 20 percent.

Commandants House

Weekly walk throughs by Jon or a member of his team to ensure the building remains secure and there are no issues. The oil tank needs to be replaced and Jon is addressing this issue. Walk throughs will continue until a decision is made on the house.

Other upcoming projects:

Putting green and mobility trail are expected to break ground this Spring.

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Land Use Policy Review

The land use policy was last reviewed in 2013. The committee reviewed the Policy and felt it was well written and did not need to be revamped. The policy is outdated on the VVH Facilities available.

Other issues/concerns addressed (if necessary):

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. in person weather permitting.

No other information was discussed.

Findings and Recommendations (if any):

The committee is recommending the following to the Board of Trustees after their review of the Land Use Policy.

Allen Gibney Pavilion be added to Liability Insurance section 5 with the standard liability insurance as the other items under section 5.

Attachments (as required):

Future Agenda Items:

Review of all leases.

Meeting end time (adjournment): 10:25 a.m.



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Committee Chair

(sign and date)

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