

Building and Grounds Committee Report

Date: Friday, May 17, 20204

Meeting Type (telephone, in person, zoom): **In Person**

Board Members Present:

Catherine Tester – Chair
Lawrence Cupoli
Michael diMonda
LTC David Fabricius (was excused early)

Board Members Absent:

Melisa Walsh - Excused

Invited Guests (staff members):

Asa Whitcomb, MSW, LICSW, LNHA COO/Deputy Administrator – Excused

Meeting Start Time: 11:00 a.m.

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

Contents and summary of discussions:

With the absence of a Vermont Veterans' Home staff member, the committee reviewed the April Building and Grounds report.

Staffing

Ms. Whitcomb and staff are working diligently to fill the open positions to include the Director position. As of the April Report there are four open positions in housekeeping and laundry as well as temporary grounds keeping positions.

Commandant's House: House is empty and the staff conduct a weekly walk through of the building. There is no additional information available on the status going forward.

American Way reconstruction project: Meeting weekly with the design team for the design and rebuild of American Way. American Way no longer has any residents.

Other issues/concerns addressed (if necessary):

The Farm co-op opportunity raised questions from the committee. Is this a veteran's owned business? Will residents be able to work in the fields if they desire and are able? Will they rent/lease the land and for how long? Will produce from the land be donated to the home for use in preparing meals? Will the home see a profit from this relationship?

The committee had several questions. The chair will address Ms. Whitcomb in an email.

The Committee's next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. in person weather permitting.

No other information was discussed.

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

Findings and Recommendations (if any):

Attachments (as required):

Future Agenda Items:

Meeting end time (adjournment): 12:05 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. De Gasta', written in a cursive style.

May 21, 2024

Committee Chair

(sign and date)

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