

Buildings and Grounds Committee Report

DATE: 24 May 2023

MEETING TYPE: In Person at Veterans Home

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Catherine Tester (chair), Mike diMonda, David Fabricius and Larry Cupoli

INVITED GUESTS: Asa Morin (unable to attend due to travel for training), Jon Endres

MEMBERS ABSENT: All committee members present

MEETING START TIME: 1:00 p.m.

STRATEGIC GOALS Addressed: VVH Strategic Plan Goals: #2 Capitalize on the Bennington Asset

Contents and summary of discussions: This meeting was held with no public calling into the meeting.

1. Election of Committee Chair. Catherine Tester was nominated and elected by the committee as the Committee Chair.
2. Jon gave an overview of the facilities infrastructure, his staff levels, and responsibilities.
3. Discussed the following projects:
 - A Wing project and the status of contract with the State. No progress on the contract despite numerous requests for a status. There is concern that the VA may not continue to hold the funds that they have granted for this project.
 - The replacement of existing steam boiler plant and replace the generators.
 - Updating the existing elevators
4. Equipment for summer ground maintenance is all in working order.
5. Friends of the Vermont Veterans Home
6. Discussed researching Grants for projects.
7. Overview of Cemetery with regards to replacement of old worn stones.

FINDINGS and RECOMMENDATIONS: Mr. Larry Cupoli to contact Veterans Affairs Office to inquire about grant funding. Mr. Mike diMonda to follow-up on the Friends of the Vermont Veterans Home. Mr. Larry Cupoli to contact State VGA on status of contract.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: No future agenda items

MEETING END TIME (adjournment): 2:15 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: August 9, 2023 at 11:00 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIR: Catherine M. Tester, Committee Chair 6/1/23