

Building and Grounds Committee

Date and type of meeting 20 SEP 2022, phone conference

Members Pete Niles, Asa Morin, Jon Endres, Mike DiMonda

Meeting start (convening) time: 1000

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

Contents and summary of discussions: This meeting was held with no public calling into the meeting. We discussed Winter events for buildings and grounds and following items were discussed:

1. All equipment is ready to go.
 - a. Two trucks are undercoated for rust prevention.
 - b. UTV is in good shape but getting high hours.
2. Good supply of salt on hand
3. Weather forecast is for a harsh winter.
4. A concern is for the smoking areas as when the weather gets worse, smokers tend to try to stay closer to the buildings and the smoke enters the facility. Of note, there is residents who smoke at the home.
5. Designated smoking areas are hard to access in bad weather

Other issues/concerns addressed:

1. Security project: continuing to have supply issues. Parts are very slow and not in a system (may have some door frames, but no hinges, or door knobs). Wrapping up outside work with lighting and such.
2. No major building issues, numerous interactions with engineers for the Boiler Plant Feasibility Study and Nurse Call system upgrade.
3. Still no contact with Bennington PD on conducting an emergency drill and it is becoming late for the requirement. Mr. Niles will call Bennington PD Chief to discuss.
4. It appears the area the National Guard is using has become overgrown at times and there are piles of what may be trash, or unused materials. It is believed part of the agreement with the National Guard is that they maintain that area, and it is not being done. As a landlord, it is recommended to contact the National Guard to maintain the area per the agreement signed last year.

Findings and Recommendations: The need for emergency drill completion as a requirement is becoming overdue and will be addressed. The staff is ready for winter emergencies. Construction on the security is going as good as it can with parts availability.

Lastly, it is with agreement that the board cannot have further discussions that shed a poor light on the home, its residents, staff, and board members during public meetings. Though we can professionally disagree, and we should encourage healthy discussion, we cannot cross a line any more as the impacts were greater than realized.

Attachments none

Meeting end time (adjournment): 1040

Peter Niles 20 SEP 2022
Committee Chair