

Approved, Sept. 26, 2023

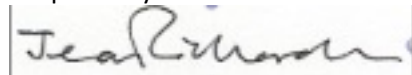
TOWN OF FERRISBURGH
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE
Tuesday September 12, 2023 @ 5:30 pm
Held at Brown Church

Members Present: Red Muir, Jean Richardson, Rick Kerschner, Silas Towler, Carl Cole, Craig Bunten

Also Present: Lindsey Brown, Ashley LaFlam, Nicole Fernandez, Anne Cohn, Paul Hoffman

1. The Committee was called to order by Red at 5:30 pm and quorum determined
2. **Minutes** of August 22, 2023 were approved on **MOTION** of Rick, seconded by Craig. Motion passed.
MOTION by Jean, seconded by Silas to amend the Agenda to add Brown Church Child Care proposal as item 3. Motion passed.
3. **Brown Church: Child Care Proposal:** Nicole Fernandez presented a brief preliminary proposal to lease the building from the Town, make repairs and updates to the interior of the building, and operate a Child Care Center. Committee discussed proposal. The town wide poll indicated Child Care as the preferred potential uses for this building. The Town Plan encourages the Re-purposing of old buildings. The Town Center Committee and some of the Building Committee members, then convened an on-site meeting with childcare leaders in the region to determine scope of interest and potential funding. Subsequently Lindsey Brown of the Town Center Committee met with Nicole Fernandez to discuss possible lease of the Brown Church. Nicole is a child care provider in Vergennes. Nicole consulted an architect and a contractor for initial cost estimates. This would be a commercial lease. On Sunday September 3rd Red met on site with Nicole and others for an on-site inspection and discussion. Committee discussed a range of necessary permits and work needed for this to be successful. This is preliminary only. Septic should be assessed in two weeks. **Jean will forward proposal to Selectboard for discussion**
4. **UMH : Review Contracts:** Ashley presented the updated two proposed contracts for the roof. No Town funds will be spent on the repairs. Disbursement schedule provided. Ashley will send us the NPS Award letter to include in package for Selectboard. **Jean will forward to Selectboard** with recommendation that it is ready to go to Town Attorney for any edits or clarification, and make sure it is in accord with the MOU. We still need a written Easement document. Rick and Ashley will follow up.
Carl reports that a Burlington arborist is coming this week to assess tree health on the Green.
5. **Town Hall Floors:** Work started today. Red is getting felt pads to replace casters on the big chairs and glass mats for under tables and chairs.
6. **Brown Church contents:** John will attend to the drainage issue on the south and east side in two weeks: Septic will be looked at on that day too. Silas will attend to stained glass windows removal. Committee worked on disposal of unwanted church contents. **Jean will contact Justin and Emily Rose about piano.**
7. **New Business:** none
8. **Next Meeting: TUESDAY September 26, at 5:30 pm at Union Meeting Hall**
9. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm on **MOTION** of Carl, seconded by Silas. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted



Jean Richardson, Committee Clerk.