

Bean Hall Restoration Committee – Draft Minutes

Wednesday, March 22, 2017

Attendees: Jim McDade, Jen Shatney, Doug Sonsalla; Visitors: Bev Ash (Selectboard Ex-Officio member)

Minutes: The February Meeting Minutes (March 1st) were approved

Jen provided an update to Bev Ash regarding the Tuck First Year Project (FYP). Basically, the graduate students will be researching the potential for Bean Hall to be self-sustaining. It was noted that there are weekly working sessions to provide information to the students. Task for the committee are as follows:

1. Provide documents from research conducted thus far.
2. Provide contacts and introductions to the Selectboard, Planning Commission, owner/managers of nearby town halls, and a cross section of town residents. Point of contact will be via the listserv, 113 commuters, Local business owners who own or rent space, Green Mountain Development Cooperation (GMDC), local real estate brokers, operators of comparable town halls, past leaders when Bean Hall was operating.
3. Records of Bean Hall's and the community building's historical operating and maintenance expenses.
4. General knowledge of the town, its history, and social dynamics.

Jen discussed fundraising with Ayeshah, and mentioned that we need to develop a fundraising goal. Doug will develop a plan that addresses the fire marshal's issues and will reach out to Scott Moore with G.R. Porter & Sons to have him update the estimate.

The group discussed the grants and grant writing. Although this will be a later phase, we need to understand the processes/timeframes and likelihood of qualifying and obtaining grants – historic preservation and CDGB. Jen has written grants in the past and can assist us for this project.

The group discussed warning additional meetings toward the end of the FYP in order to finalize reports and information – no dates were determined.

Doug mentioned again a potential meeting time with the Planning Commission. May 8th at 7pm was determined to be the next available tentative date. Doug will follow up with John Benjamin.

Next Meeting:

April 26, 2017 – at the Historical Society museum in the Community Building

End of meeting minutes