

Greensboro Grange Building Committee Minutes

May 27, 2014

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p. m.

Members Present: Rob Brigham, Judy Dales, Ted Donlon, chair; Valdine Hall, treasurer; Stephanie Herrick, clerk, Peter Romans

Members Absent: Robbie Hurst

Minutes of the previous two meetings were approved.

DRB: We had to get a variance because, with recent changes to the zoning by laws, we now have to meet a 50 foot setback from the center of Church Lane. The building itself is about 29 feet from the center of the road. Fifty feet goes to beyond half of the width of the building.

Our design was developed based on these facts: The stairs were moved out so they didn't cross in front of the lower window. We have double doors on the second level to match the bottom and the front. The length was determined in order to go outside of the windows.

The variance was denied, even though the decision was based on incorrect information about the fire exit code. We are postponing a vote of this Committee to appeal the decision pending further information. We need to talk to a Vermont architect and ask how much he would charge to design an egress that will satisfy the fire code and still be the "minimum." We need to discover the "minimum" that will afford relief and will represent the "least deviation possible" from the By-Law. We have a 30 day window to appeal. Patrick Kane and Jay Caroli, architects, have been suggested.

We still don't know what we need to do about the lift. We need to find out.

GAAR Square Dance: Sabra wants us to join in putting out publicity for a fundraiser for a dance on Friday July 4 from 7 to 10 p. m. in a tent on the Town Green. Suggested donation-- \$10 a couple. Publicity options: DEV, FPF, GA web site, posters around town and in Hardwick and Craftsbury. Articles in *Gazette, Chronicle, News & Citizen*, etc.

The next meeting will be Tuesday June 24, at 7:00 p. m. at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Herrick, clerk