

Grange Committee Minutes
February 8, 2014
Meeting called to order at 10:15 a. m.

Members Present: Rob Brigham; Ted Donlon, chair; Valdine Hall, treasurer; Stephanie Herrick, clerk
Members Absent: Judy Dales, Robbie Hurst, Anne Stevens

The **minutes of the previous meeting**, January 10, 2014, were approved. The minutes and drawings were also sent to the Elys.

DRAWING REVISIONS: Barbara said there would be no problem with the requested change to the railings and stair placement off the back porch. We don't need an access door on the drawings at this time.

REVIEW DRAWINGS OF BUILDING by Paul Cerutti of the Vermont Dept. of Public Safety, Division of Fire Safety. Ted asked Paul for an initial opinion before we submit our application. He made the following comments: Any new bathrooms need to conform with the ADA. We need a fire door to separate the upper and lower levels with a landing on either side of the door. We will need a variance from the Access Board of this Department to use the lift. Ted talked with Bob Patterson of the Access Board about the lift variance and the requirements. It appears that we would qualify for a variance, but it's one more thing we have to do. The next deadline is March 17 and after that April 14.

PLUMBING INSPECTOR REQUIREMENTS: We are classified as a "place of assembly" and based on our occupancy of 99, we need to have 2 bathrooms, both of which must be handicapped accessible. We also need 2 water fountains and 1 needs to be ADA compatible. We also have to have a janitor sink, which could go in the kitchen.

PROPOSED TIME LINE FOR PROJECT: Rob and Ted still need to give us an estimate of the cost so we can submit our application. The biggest costs will be the heating and plumbing. We may need to hire someone with a lead abatement certification to cut out the back door, although Nathan Day thought we might be exempt. Andy Dales has his lead abatement certification. Herb Thayer has certification to remove lead paint (he did the Library). Dean Stratton will be asked by Ted for an estimate to do the foundation work when the weather permits. We may need to rent a bobcat. A perimeter drain should be put around the building with gravel to prevent flooding of the basement. Rob suggests we separate the entire project into phases starting with the basement.

FUNDING SOURCES: Valdine noted some Federal agencies that might be approached.

NEW SELECTBOARD APPOINTMENT: We need to ask for a replacement for Anne Stevens, as her term will expire soon.

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 8, at 10 a.m. at the Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stephanie Herrick, clerk