

Towns Buildings Committee Meeting  
December 21, 2022

Members Present: Steve Sullivan, Frank McGinn, Anna Cook, Jeff Quackenbush,  
Stephen Dallmus and Becky Torres  
Guest Mary Anne Antonellis

1. Review minutes from the 12/7 meeting.
2. Discuss progress on Application for Community Preservation funding for Spear Library front entry porch and steps.
3. Discuss changes to Inspection spreadsheet and evaluate and determine action level for all items.
4. Discuss door closure for the Senior room door at Town Hall.

Meeting called to order at 5:32 pm by Stephen Dallmus

Approved the revised minutes of 12/7 JQ motions to approve minutes, AC 2nds

Roll call approve minutes. Yays:, Steve Sullivan, Frank McGinn, Anna Cook, Jeff Quackenbush & Stephen Dallmus

Frank looked at the closure at the Senior Center exit door. The closure is old and tightening levers did not help. Probably oil dried out, closure should be replaced.

Becky will call around to see who can install the door closer . Using a general replacement fund to buy the closer. Calling around for 3 bids. JQ will do the research on what type of closure to buy. Still need an additional handle for the front door.

Review of the criteria for the spreadsheets.

SD suggesting the following for Action Level (previously named Rating): Priority High, Priority Low, Monitor, Anticipate need to replace, Further inspection required and Not Applicable. Using colors will help make certain criterias pop. Priority High(red) and Further inspection required (yellow). Adding a Header to show what Building is being inspected.

Pursue the Application for Community Preservation. Is there a use for the building in the future? The police department is looking at the space. The police cannot get certain grants because of their current space in town Hall. Previous Building Committee was looking into tapping a line into the Town's current septic and using a well that is on the commons for water. The new Library is 2 years away and it would be helpful to have a bathroom in the MN Spear Library. Use of a tight tank would be a second solution, but long term is expensive.

JQ Has concerns about renovation of the old Library for police that may change when the police take over.

SD asks for a motion to pursue the Grant application for the front porch at the M.N. Spear Library.

FM: Frank makes a motion to pursue the Grant application

JQ: Jeff seconds

Roll call to pursue the Grant application for the front porch at the M.N. Spear Library

Yays:, Steve Sullivan, Frank McGinn, Anna Cook, Jeff Quackenbush, Stephen Dallmus

SD Requested the towns Historical Commission recognise that the library is a significant local historic resource. Looking at the history of the required railing.

Concerns over oversight of “controlled construction” a need for architectural/engineering drawings for the rehab of the front porch.

JQ Mass Building code has a section on Historical Structures that should be looked at

JQ:Jeff makes a motion to adjourn the meeting

FM: seconds.

Roll call to end the meeting. Yays:, Steve Sullivan, Frank McGinn, Anna Cook, Jeff Quackenbush, Stephen Dallmus

Meeting adjourned at 6:30pm