

Buildings & Grounds

February 3 2015

Present: Gina Auriema, Katrin Helgason and Jack Nelson

Agata & Radek - No report

Note to B&G Committee and Board: Gina suggested that we all familiarize ourselves with Vermont's new trash and recycling law Act 148. Voted into law in 2012 and going into effect gradually over time until 2020. In the spirit of Sustainable Woodstock, Woodstock Recycles and our own NUCS philosophy we need to get serious about our trash and recycling and help all of those who use our kitchen to do the same!

Insulation. Jack presented Frans van de Ven's report that Norwood Long generated two years ago for various options on having the building insulated. Currently there are four options that we might consider to get the Sanctuary and side building more energy efficient.

Option number one (a combination of 1 and 2 in original proposal) is to insulate the ceiling in the sanctuary. This would cost approximately \$20,000. These two options done together would bring the R factor to 70. The next Option is to airseal and insulate the ceiling of the organ addition (Option 5 in original proposal) This would cost approx \$3,000.

The fourth option involves insulating the walls of the Nursery School. After some discussion it was determined that it wouldn't make sense to target this area until we know what the future of this space holds. WNS has alerted us that they may not be renewing their contract with us after this school year.

Frans van de Ven has expressed an interest in attending one of our meetings to further discuss his proposal, explain options and answer questions. Jack will be in touch with him when we're ready.

Gina feels that the church and Hand in Hand in particular could be better about recycling and that we as an institution could do more to encourage better practice. She has been in touch with Casella who has promised to deliver the recycling bin this week, so that we can have "curbside" pickup of recycling. Up to this point, the sextons have been taking all recycling to a Saturday drop off.

She also expressed concern over the amount of salt that is used on our walkways and especially on the wooden steps and porch floor. Is it really even needed there? She will discuss this again with Jerry Murphy.

Gina shared a concern that Radek has about some parts of the flooring in the Sanctuary that he feels need attention. She also pointed out that the surface of the porch at the office entrance has quite a bit of rot and should be replaced.

Ann mentioned that the heat in the Sanctuary seems to go off at around 10:30 during the service on Sundays. She wondered if the thermostat could be set to stay on until 11 or 11:30am. We will ask Agata to change the setting.

Ann also suggested that we keep the Nursery School space in mind and start to think about the future use of this space. Would it make sense to accept the playground equipment if it was offered to us?

Gina shared with Katrin whom was absent from the Annual Meeting the recognition of Buildings & Grounds that was written by Dennis Lyons and read by Deb Rice at the meeting. We really appreciate the recognition!

Next meeting, Tuesday March 3rd at 6pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gina Auriema