

## Refreshing Our Facilities Task Force - Report July 13 2016

Gina Auriema, Anne Dean, and I met with Robert Black on 1 July. Robert had reviewed the documents we provided for him and had been on-site before. This visit afforded him an opportunity to look at the building with a sense of our priorities, a deeper knowledge of the planning we've done, and enabled him to respond to some of the specifics we shared with him in those documents. We were also able to discuss some of the specific concerns that emerged during our walk-around.

Much of our conversation focused on preventing water from entering the building through the foundation and the roof. We spent the bulk of our time looking at the west lawn (directly outside the front door to the church office and the parlors, between the sanctuary and the permaculture garden). We focused on this area because Tom Havill has been engaged to regrade the lawn and install a vapor barrier outside the basement wall, directing water away from the building and preventing runoff from entering the building.

After discussing various challenges and solutions for this area, Robert developed a sketch. He and Gina met with Tom Havill on 13 July prior to the excavation to talk about the work.

The other major project we discussed is the roof of the addition. Robert will help us build a case for the need for repairing the roof so we're prepared to complete a grant proposal for Preservation Trust of Vermont to help us pay for this work.

Next steps for us are to plan a meeting for a group of community members as preparation for identifying and/or confirming our needs, which will form the basis for a plan to address them.

Respectfully submitted,

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