

NBC STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date, Time: Wednesday, December 14th, 4pm, Zoom

Attendees: Rob Bunton, Karin Elofson (scribe), Rev Will Green, Bill Oliver

1) Call to Order – Rob

2) Opening Prayer – Rev Will

3) Review of November 15th Minutes – Minutes approved as distributed.

4) Unfinished Business

a) Handicap Accessibility Ramp

- i) Kamp to terracing around HC parking and placing granite steps – no new dates.
- ii) Rob and Todd working on interior doors; leaving external door unfinished so that Bill Flynn can get to wiring. Plans to improve light switch locations, add EXIT signs and emergency EXIT lights, and put in outlet for Food Pantry freezer.
- iii) Design ideas for external light and interior hall light discussed and agreed to.
- iv) Once concern in not having steps to the road level is that small hill may be dangerous if icy. Rob and Bill to consider some temporary railing options.

b) New windows installed; some need finishing. This is important not only for cosmetics, but there is a lot of air leaking through the edges and the hall having difficulties with maintaining a good temperature with just the heat pumps. Oil heating of hall now available, if needed to supplement heat pumps.

c) Energy Usage Concerns:

- i) Blower Door/infrared testing by Maine Blower Door Testing scheduled for January 18, 2023. Cost of audit is ~\$500.
- ii) Rob talked with Andy Jackson and learned more about the option of getting electrical power from solar panels that are part of a solar panel farm in Sheepscoot. Initial investment is high (\$30K to \$40K estimate), but then monthly costs would be low (< \$100). Panels lose efficiency at ~2% per year and panels are good for 25 years. This is worth further discussion with an expert as there are questions about the impact of future technology improvements (would there be a trade-in option and what are the costs to dispose of or recycle old solar panels?).

d) Food Pantry freezer currently in storage container until it can be moved into the back room.

e) Altar Railing – Installed! Yay!

5) New Business

- a) MICE CONTROL! Betty of Maine Pest to be contacted about pest control for the church and the parsonage. A “no-poison” solution is requested.

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- b) Stairway up to stage to improved for safety, especially for children: stick-on carpeting treads and addition of lower railing.
- c) Trash will be kept on back porch for the winter; new trash enclosure will be assembled in the spring.
- d) Light switch box in vestry to be fitted with clips so that certain switches cannot be accidentally turned off.
- e) Avner Eisenberg is offering us his old propane stove, apparently commercial grade. Will and Rob to look at it on 12/16.

6) Deferred Items

- a) High-level planning for long term renovations to be returned to the Board
 - i) There are those on the Island, including member of the PI Fund, that could advise us on running a capital campaign to raise upwards of \$200K.
- b) Defibrillator training

7) **Next Meeting** – Wednesday, January 11th at 4pm, Zoom.

8) **Adjournment** - 5:15pm