

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

March 13, 2016

Replacement Studies for Church and Meeting House (Update). The B&GC met with both members of the Finance Committee and members of the Endowment Committee to answer questions about the replacement studies provided.

Project Estimates & Studies (No Change). There has been no further requests or action on the study requested by Rev John and Anne Khanna that focuses on the main entrance to the building, the south parking area (adjacent to the main entrance), and the cantilevered walkways.

Platform Lift (Updated). The platform lift is in the process of approval reviews with the Town of Westport. Getting approvals from the various agencies has been slower than expected. We are not anticipating any extraordinary increased expense in the Platform Lift Project, but additional expense is possible. We currently anticipate the lift installed moving from April 2016 to the mid Summer 2016.

Mel Barr is working his way through the approval process, and has met with Health, Zoning, Conservation and Engineering Departments in addition to P&Z. Both Health and Zoning have approved the architects plan. Conservation and Engineering might require Engineered Site Plan adding an unanticipated additional expense. Questions raised have required another redrawing of the architect's plan. If in the end we are not able to get administrative signoffs from Conservation and Engineering, the we will have to have hearing for both of these, the fees for these hearings are about \$1,500 each and for the Engineering hearing we will have to have Engineering work done to calculate the change in runoff and then to come up with a plane to mitigate the change. There would be additional costs for the Engineering work and the additional work for the actual mitigation of the additional runoff. We do not have values for these items at this time.

Flat Roof (Update). We are waiting for the final inspection before the warrantee for the new roof. The church office has reported that there are intermittent leaks. Ricks has sealed additional hole where screws are missing from the skylight.

Glass Replacement and Repairs (No Change). We continue looking for someone who will perform the work to replace the broken glass. Fairfield County Restoration looked at the necessary scope and decided they were not able perform the labor to remove and replace the glass. To date, eight (8) local contractors have looked at this work and and decided not to accept the project.