

## BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE REPORT

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**The Platform Loft (Update).** Getting approvals for the lift has been a marathon event, and we finally have made significant progress. The P&Z Department review resulted in several challenging delays. With the initial guidance from Gloria Gouveia, Land Use Consultants, we unsuccessfully lobbied to have the P&Z release TUCW from many approvals required by the Town of Westport, so we could avoid the costs for soil testing, new land surveys, and wetland mapping. This fast-tracking effort was unsuccessful, and we were forced to move forward working through the ordinary system with the assistance of a new consultant, Mel Barr, Barr Associates LLC. At this time, all required town approvals are complete, and we are in the process of bidding to General Contractor, as requested by TBOT and Rev John. The successful conclusion of this bidding will result in one General Contractor who will supervise all of the necessary work (grading, foundations, electrical, paving, walkway, etc.) needed in preparation for the installation of the handicap lift and in support of its completion. We have approached six (6) contractors, and so far two (2) have shown interest in submitting a proposal.

Our cost estimate has crept to \$88,000, and completion date is expected in late September, 2016.

**Glass Replacement and Repairs (Update).** In the past year, eight (8) local contractors have looked at this repair and replacement work, three (3) have submitted proposals, and all eight (8) bidders have decided this project. This problem is the result of a declining labor force with the skill and knowledge needed to replace the broken glass in a manner similar to the original installation. This July it will be one year that we have been looking for a glazier to replace the several different pieces of broken glass around the church.

JEM Architectural Incorporate, with whom John Turmelle has a ten-year professional relationship, has responded to our need by offering to donate both the labor and materials to replace the damaged glass and to help properly vent some of the portable AC units to the exterior. Tim Wilson will be working with Operations and JEM on the final coordination and timing. Dorothy Adams has asked us to omit the broken glass in Rev- John's office.

This is such a gracious gift that we will need to find a special way to say... Thank You.