

Minutes of Grange Trustee Meeting

6/14/23 10:30 a.m.

Present:

Meghan Gross
Frank Whittemore
Holly McCann

WIFI – At 6/5/23 meeting, BOS approved the request for internet installation at the Grange, by identifying Fidium as best proposal. Fidium provides for no activation or installation fee, no contract, and a cost of \$55 month for 1GB. Meghan will contact Fidium to proceed with installation.

Research into potential for installing coded cypher locks at the Grange: Difficulties exist in doing an install at the modern back of building emergency and handicap entrances due to the emergency nature of the installed “push bar” . It might be possible to install an alternate type of device but at a cost of approximately \$2000. Trustees will continue to do research into this matter.

Trustees reviewed a current application for use involving artist fair. Trustees discussed need for development of a rate/fee schedule for renters that is standardized for all. We discussed what factors enter into setting rental rates, as well as what types of uses are being discussed/expressed. More information will be gathered and a policy set. Two factors to be considered are utilities surcharge and a cleaning surcharge. More to come.

Frank shared info on building maintenance updates: Steve Mallory advised that the building foundation blocks may be sealed without violating the historical value. Frank will discuss potentials for doing so, along with cost. There is also a need to insulate the ceiling/attic of Grange if we are planning to use the building in the fall/winter, and early spring months. Frank will seek vendors and estimates.

Exploration of organization of an entity to provide support to Town and Grange in the future. Holly has been researching structures of entities, requirements to form, legal steps necessary for formation, etc. If pursued, this project would not be a Grange Trustee or Town responsibility. It would be a separate non-profit entity to be formed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Submitted by Holly McCann