

Grange Trustee Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2022

Kathy Felch obtained a new email account for the Grange Trustees. The public can use the email to submit application for use of Grange Hall. Trustees will use the account to officially communicate Grange Trustee business matter. The new email address, kensgrange2022@gmail.com will be posted on the Grange Page of Town website.

Trustees discussed a current application for use of Grange by Kensington Public Library on 5/14/2022 for the annual tomato/vegetable plant sale. Proceeds of sale are in support of library needs. Trustees reviewed the application and approved it for forwarding to Board of Selectmen on April 18th meeting.

Discussed the Fire Chief's inspection for Assembly Permit in 2022. Chief cited 5 items for further discussion. Two items relate to the emergency lighting installed in kitchen and foyer (requested in 2021). Trustees are under the impression that we have accomplished this. New LED lights/signs were installed which provide greater lighting than prior system. Frank will speak with Chief to determine exactly what he is looking for us to do differently. Chief cited the CO detector in kitchen not testing properly. Trustees have replaced the battery in the unit and it now operates properly. Trustees confirmed that we have a statement in the Grange Operating Policies and Procedures (provided on the website) which prevents cooking by anyone using the Grange. One remaining item that needs to be addressed is the kitchen door exit which needs adjustment as it is hard to open at times.

Trustees discussed the maintenance/repair work that needs to be done in 2022, using the approved warrant article as the guide. Carpentry on front exterior is a major priority, with painting front exterior and one side to be performed once carpentry work is done. Frank has spoken to potential vendors, as have Holly and Meghan. We will try to obtain written estimates by next meeting. Trustees will also check with Kathy Felch to see what process is required to have pest control performed on same dates as Town Hall is done going forward. Trustees also will purchase a moss/algae treatment product to have the kitchen roof sprayed. We hope this will prevent needing a new roof in the near term.

Meghan Gross, presented several ideas for fund raising opportunities. Trustees agreed to give them thought and perhaps discuss with fellow community residents to gauge viability. These will be discussed again at the next trustee meeting.

Next meeting to be held latter part of May or early June. Trustees will review their schedules and set a specific date.

Meeting adjourned approximately 11:45 a.m.