

ARPA Committee: Meeting House Tour April 1, 2023

A look at the building site: yard, drainage, grading, and parking

- 1. Outside bulletin board and signage**
- 2. Exterior of building : keeping building painted**
- 3. Accessibility Issues and proposed solutions**
- 4. Possible pavilion**
- 5. Meeting house entry way**
 - a. Painting**
 - b. Electrical box**
 - c. Placement of generator and propane tanks**
- 6. Closet under stairs**
 - a. Storage limitations**
 - b. Is fire retardant sheetrock needed?**
- 7. Kitchen Tour**
 - a. Upgrades needed to make it a community kitchen**
 - i. Dishwasher**
 - ii. Fire suppression unit over stove**
 - iii. Replace old refrigerators**
 - iv. Hot water unit**
- 8. Large Room/Meeting room**
 - a. Heating**
 - b. Insulation**
- 9. Furnace Room**
 - a. 2 Boilers are 30 years old (upgrade heating system)**
 - b. Ideas on hot water**
 - c. Outside facet has been replaced with frost free**
- 10. Bathrooms**
 - a. Heating**
 - b. Hot water**
- 11. Sanctuary/Meeting Room (upstairs)**
 - a. Point out inside storm windows**
 - b. Egress and Max Cogence**
 - c. Issue of heating**

Meeting House Early-identified Funding Sources

Name	Amount	Due	Purpose
MERP mini grant	\$4000	3/15/23	Energy Resiliency Education
Paul Bruhn Grant	\$50K	3/29/23	Fire Safety and Access Upgrades
Cultural Facilities Project Plan	\$4000	5/15/23	Education/Community Outreach
Facility Assessment Priority Plan*	NA	6/23 – 8/23	Long range plan for meeting house
Municipal Energy Resilience Audit (MERP)	NA	Fall 2023	In depth audit of meeting house
Historic Preservation State VT	TBD/match	Fall 2023	Continued development of MH
MERPT Capital	up to \$250K	Winter23/24	Based on MERP audit priorities
Cultural Facilities Capital Projects	TBD/match	May 2024	Based on long-range plan priorities

We plan to work the summer of 2023 to engage all community members in a process of identifying priorities for how this meeting house should grow and develop. Our priority is to make it safe and accessible. The Bruhn Grant will be first step in this. At the same time, we will move forward Meg Staloff, Southern Vermont Economy Project Manager at the Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation (BDCC) to begin a *Facility Assessment Priority Plan. This will focus on what we can do with this asset, continuing to cultivate local leadership and building consensus on how to move forward with the development of the meeting house.