

Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes 01/04/2021

Members Present: Starr Latronica, Jennifer Rowe, Gabriel Sistare, Jane Southworth, Elizabeth Tannenbaum

8:36am Called to Order

The town maintenance coordinator has noticed the library water heater is leaking. Starr will commit funds from the maintenance budget to make repairs, but the issue is not currently urgent.

Starr is looking for special projects to extend to town maintenance workers—these may include stripping tile and moving furniture from the library to the municipal center.

Starr identified a need for painting some areas in the library interior. Gabriel Sistare will volunteer a schedule in coordination with Starr to assist with painting need.

Gabriel will take photos of the yew tree in front of the library to share with the board. The tree currently obstructs the entrance to the garden. Gabriel or Starr will contact Gordon Hayward, a local gardening expert, to possibly prune the yew tree to better accommodate garden access without removing the tree altogether.

Starr identified that there are no external outlets on the building, prohibiting patrons from using laptops and library wifi hotspots during curbside service only access. The committee discussed the possibility of configuring the back area outside of the library (adjoining the municipal center parking lot) to fit more tables and seating.

The new street print in front of the Main St. entrance is great and we will get an estimate to see how much it would cost to continue the treatment along the front and south side of the library.

Starr will check with locksmith about replacing the crash bar on the side emergency exit door so we can unlock it during open hours.

Adjourned 9:05