

CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties
Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
12 July 2020

Present: Tom Pullyblank, Carol Phelps, Steve Sinniger; staff Madelyn Sanchez Taylor and Liz Callahan.

Cooperstown

- Carol did a quick report on the Garden Activity Center:
 - o Events like Evenings in the Garden, and the group tours are a real plus
 - o The garden still needs accessible tables/chairs, more benches; eventually pavillion
 - o Raised beds dry out quickly and the planned electronic system (self-watering) can't be installed until there's a structure in place
 - o The new shed and plant shelves are working out well.
- 123 Lake Street Challenge
 - o Trees on the north side of the property should be evaluated (at least one is dead). Recommendations: Town & Country, Tree Pro (Tom Pasternack), JP Palmer
 - o Madelyn reported that critter activity has calmed down (a few mice last time)
- Cleaning service
 - o The cleaner being used on the floors in the rest rooms and kitchen may be damaging finish; this has been addressed with the cleaning service
 - o Madelyn noted that she has asked service to pay some more attention to detail
- Clutter clean-out is ongoing, Madelyn may have assistance from ASP staff
- NYS Consolidated Funding Application will be submitted – Liz explained that the proposal will seek funding for the exterior rehab which is being defined as “phase one”

Cobleskill

- Parking Lot Pass Through
 - o Concerns about the volume and speed of traffic using the connector from the front to the back of the building as a “bypass street,” dangerous because children play there while baseball team are playing
 - Considerations/Pros/Cons
 - Create a “soft” barrier with landscaping/garden expansion
 - Is there a need to maintain emergency vehicle access/safety
 - o Committee wondered if this is something Jim Bryant can weigh in on
- Public Restrooms
 - o During Covid signs were placed on each bathroom door stating occupancy was limited to one person at a time (to maintain social distancing).
 - o Committee Recommendation: Take signs (indicating one person at a time) off each door and put a lock on each door (leaving it up to the person using the bathroom whether to lock the outer door or the stall door.)