

**CCE Schoharie & Otsego Counties
Buildings & Grounds Committee Meeting Minutes
19 November 2024**

Present: Tina Douglas, Carol Phelps, Tom Pullyblank, Steve Sinniger, Mahla Zare; staff Liz Callahan.

Upcoming Projects:

- Carpet cleaning vendors have been chosen in each county. Staff and tenants have been notified that the carpets will be cleaned in the Cobleskill Extension Center on Dec 27th. Date carpets will be cleaned at the Cooperstown Education Center is TBD.
- Weather stripping will be replaced at Cooperstown Education Center.

Otsego Education Center, 123 Lake St, Cooperstown:

Village of Cooperstown Water Line Testing

- The results of the recent Village-wide water line testing indicated that CCE should investigate replacing galvanized water lines, should test the water for lead, and should take other steps for safe potable water.
 - o Carol recommended that when we provide potable water that we clearly communicate about why we have bottled water “before we test”
 - o Staff will look into the cost of 3 gallon jug water dispenser (can be sourced through Hummell’s).
- Will determine how long the water line between the VoC water main and the building is.
 - o Committee members discussed trying to determine if neighboring properties have similar challenges and explore replacing lines at the same time.

Exterior Rehabilitation

- Liz recapped pending funding requests, including NYS RED CFA application, Chobani Capital Projects opportunity, and requests to small local foundations.
- In 2025 CCE-allocated funding and any grants or donations for the work will be used to begin to strategically address the worst conditions.
 - o Priorities include stabilizing front porch, replacing rotting clapboards, scraping, priming and painting.
 - o Discussion of exploring enlisting volunteers for some tasks (eg painting).

Tree Removal: Tom noted that the stumps look good.

Adjournment: Tina Douglas moved to adjourn, Carol Phelps seconded. Approved unanimously.