

A SUMMARY OF THE MAINTENANCE AND PLANNING COMMITTEE AND STEWARDS ACTIVITIES WITH THE NEWLY PURCHASED MILLS HOMESTEAD.

With the purchase of the Mills Farmstead, the Stewards, M & P Committee, Finance Committee and Clear Creek Friends have worked closely to have the house ready for winter Worship this year.

Our next priority has been to prepare the site for IYM's full evaluation of how to integrate this newly available resource into the Yearly Meeting's future. Our success is only possible with the decisions, participation and support of these Friends.

Posted below is a summary of work completed since Annual Session. A full report will be given at Continuing Committee.

If you arrive early, please go one of the two tours of the newly purchased property starting at the Meetinghouse front porch at 9 am and 9:20 am.

A "set your own price" GARAGE SALE is set up in four locations on the newly purchased property. The locations will be posted on the front porch. We have many items to share including an area rug, sink, medicine cabinet, rolls of contact paper, wall paper, bed frames, gas grill, hydraulic jack, paint and automotive supplies, baskets, glasses. And many, many, many more items.

Please, consider keeping room in your vehicle to take one or two items TO RECYCLE or DONATE to your local community center. This would be very helpful, too. The previous owners had left many items on the property over the years. There are many items that could be put to good use by others.

THE OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY

Five persons from the Dancing Rabbit Community have worked 9 hours per day for 9 days cleaning the Mills property. Dancing Rabbit is the same group, an intentional community, which deconstructed the IYM dorm. The long list of things they have done include cleaning out the barn, cleaning out and removing the ceiling of the gray corrugated metal chicken/fox house, cleaning out the milking parlor, cleaning up the woodpiles and deconstructing the south lean-to on the barn.

Five Dumpsters have been filled and removed from the property. A metal recycler will remove the piles of junk metal, aluminum, and copper. We hope sell the 100 or more used wooden pallets to a vendor. We have lots of petroleum and paint products to take to hazardous waste centers.

Cleaning up the landscape, many weeds, shrubs and trees have been removed. The larger, more difficult trees are to be removed by a tree-removing specialist this fall or winter. ECC has accomplished and directed work in this area as well.

THE HOUSE

The Mills house is being completely rewired with recommended fire, safety and emergency features integrated.

The previous owner's household items have been removed from the house by Clear Creek Friends.

All wall paneling and ceiling tiles have been removed. One hall closet has been removed. All wallpaper on the walls has been removed and walls are ready for plastering.

After rewiring is complete, a plasterer is scheduled to repair the plaster of the living room, dining room and library. A drywall contractor will re-do the ceilings.

Work in the basement includes stabilize the interior bearing walls and altering the heating ductwork to accommodate the repairs to the bearing walls.

TASKS SCHEDULED IN THE NEAR FUTURE:

The entrance foyer, both staircases and the upstairs bedroom plasterwork will be done this winter or spring.

Re-grading and concrete work will be done next spring or summer to create a dry basement and improve accessibility to the house. A temporary access ramp is available until improvements are made.

The Capital Asset Management Plan (CAMP) is to be done this year for the entire property. M and P Committee (with the Stewards) created a Property Evaluation spreadsheet (compiled by Dawn Amos) describing upcoming work expected throughout the IYM campus. Each task or activity can be further evaluated to help plan for management of the entire site. This document will support the CAMP.

Posted below is a condensed version of the "To Do" list given to Dancing Rabbit:

To begin –We have all the "out buildings" to clean out so we can assess the potential uses of the buildings. This includes the chicken house, barn and its south and west lean-to attachments, the silage silos, the dairy milking parlor with its small processing room. Dancing Rabbit people will not work on the farmhouse, metal grain storage bin by the road or the blue and white pole building.

We hope for the grounds to be cleaned up and ready to be mowed or brush hogged.

We want to consider all items on the property for reuse, recycle, or resale. All items that cannot fit into one of these categories need to be burned or put into dumpsters as appropriate.

Priority and list of tasks:

1 - Chicken house – Interior ceiling and walls - pulled down and put into dumpster, and building cleaned out. Iron Bed frames belong to IYM and can be left in place. Two bowling tracks are to be saved.

2 - South of Garage attached to the house – behind the garage are a lot of miscellaneous items. We need the fence pulled out, the brush cleaned out, and the items sorted into groupings (recycle, resale, dumpster) as appropriate.

3 - Set up Barn's west Lean-to to hold salvageable wood – - details posted in the barn area.

4 - Clean out the Barn and the west and south "lean-to" -- details posted within the areas to be worked.

5 - Clean out the Dairy milking parlor and its side storage room – - details posted within building.

6 - Make silage bins inaccessible to children -- specifics shown in bin entrance.

7 - Piles of "stuff south of the curve in the drive way - There is wood for the wood heating stove, wire, metal garbage, waste pallets; this all needs to be moved to appropriate locations so lawn area can be mowed.

8 - Tear down the south lean-to of the barn, salvage materials to be put on the newly exposed south side of barn and extra to be stored on barn floor.

If all else gets done these are things that can be done...

Bricks by the old fuel tank inside the curved driveway – this is a last item to do: We need to move the bricks to inside the west lean to – out of the way. We need to remove the fuel tank as well – just where and what to do with it.

Rocks – this is a last item to do: We need the medium to small rocks in the farmstead moved to one or two locations. We have to make the grounds more easily mowed.