

Site Envisioning Committee Report to 2013 Fall Continuing Committee

The Committee met during Work Weekend on Saturday September 7th, 2013 with five members present and three members absent.

The committee discussed several potential site and building projects.

- A straight golf-cart/walking path between the Meetinghouse and Clear Creek House developed by ECC was being graded during the meeting with expectations that a smooth grass covered path will be complete by next annual sessions.
- The location of paths at the north campground is undetermined, partly due to the transitory nature of tent arrangement and the need is less clear. We recommend focusing on filling holes and lowering bumps at the campground to make walking safer.
- Issues of campus landscaping, border plantings, prairies and ways to reduce mowing are in the capable hands of ECC. SEC will contribute if and as needed or requested.
- Cabin Electrification and whether it should be hardwired on the grid or off-grid solar of some kind is being discussed by ECC, M&P and the Stewards and we leave it to them to develop a way forward.
- At Annual sessions the meeting approved three projects in the following sequence for the future pending adequate funds being raised:
 1. Conversion of water heater/storage room to a second Meetinghouse bathroom. Paul Ebener has provided a rough estimate for the work of about \$4000.
 2. Campground Bath House renovations. Chip Rorem and Chris Goode will develop a work-list of improvements from which to develop a cost estimate.
 3. Accessible Bedroom/Bathroom addition at Clear Creek House. A schematic design has been developed with two bedrooms and three bathrooms and Paul Ebener has provided a rough estimate over a year ago of ~\$98,000. A needed septic system will bring the estimate to ~\$120,000. As this project comes closer to fruition construction documents will need to be developed for a more accurate bid and for construction.

SEC wants to reach out to the Development Committee to see if they need any tools or information from us to assist in fundraising.

SEC has provided a budget estimate of \$260,000 to move the Wilson House to the campus and restore it to some purpose. Possible uses discussed include additional meeting/sleeping/retreat facilities, caretaker housing, and/or bathroom facilities. Its location on the site would be dependent on the chosen function. SEC makes no recommendation about whether or not we should do this and leaves it for Continuing Committee and the Yearly Meeting for discussion and a decision.

We will continue to think about how we can make the best use of the barn and shed buildings on the west side of campus. The timber frame barn also has a shed and dairy

barn attached and near at hand is the metal machine shed building and the round metal grain bin.

Site Envisioning Committee has been charged with developing recommendations for the quiet campground near Clear Creek House for the next sessions and for the future. We will address this in an upcoming meeting.

The concept of a campus Caretaker was briefly discussed. We intend to develop some ideas in concert with the Stewards and other committees in order to bring some recommendations to the next annual session.

We think that some kind of yearly meeting record storage system should be developed to keep minutes, notes, drawings, and other documents in a safe place and easily used by members and transferable as clerks and members change. This may include paper as well as digital documents. This system should be developed with the involvement of other committees and the yearly meeting clerks.

We plan to meet both by conference call and in-person three or four times before June but no meeting dates/times have been set.