

Present: Zanne Charity and Marge Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 9:32 a.m.

Approval of Minutes:

Zanne Charity made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2020 Special meeting of the Swift House Task Force, as submitted. Marge Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried.

American Bio Tech update:

Zanne Charity had a telephone conversation with Bob Boone to discuss the status of the holes in the foundation. There was some confusion on the location of the hole to be repaired. Bob's crew did fix a hole by the kitchen but not patch the one in question. Zanne confirmed that a mason will need to be hired to repair the crumbling mortar on the remainder of the rear stone foundation and the other hole can be fixed while the rest is being done.

Sewer Hook-up:

Marge Smith had no update. Marge Smith still needs to get clarification from Bill Gawel if his estimate includes the crushing and filling of the old septic pit.

Contractor Update:

Zanne Charity reported the following:

- Chasing other contractors to get estimates during their busiest season, with difficulty.
- Would like Kevin Brady to give an estimate on replacing the soffit board on the patio side and some additional exterior repairs.
- Met with a New Milford painter who works with a carpenter and has requested an estimate.

Status of Potential Use of Ambulance Garage:

Chris Garrity was not at the meeting and did not provide any information at this time.

Town Newsletter Swift House Survey:

Zanne Charity reported the following:

- Talked to Jean
- Asked Jean to create a Swift House email address
- Jean put the survey into a Survey Monkey format
- Added a question regarding exhibits and programs
- No confirmation on newsletter publication date
- Responses to be returned no later than August 31 if newsletter goes out as currently scheduled.

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Report & Request to Board of Selectmen:

Zanne Charity reported the following:

- Wants to request available funds to complete masonry repair of crumbling old stone foundation at rear of building.
- Contractors have all agreed that front left and rear chimneys should be replaced from roof up when the roof is done. If additional funds are not available to replace roof and chimneys this year, funds for chimney and flashing repair are a high priority before winter.
- Concerned about waiting another budget year to fix roof and chimneys
- Temporary fix for living room and rear chimneys would be repointing and replacing missing bricks, 1 ½" blue stone to seal chimneys on top, and two or more coats of silicone sealer. The chimney facing Patco has been rebuilt and does not require work at this time.
- Flashing is in serious disrepair causing leaks in interior walls and will require repair this fall.
- Rotten soffits could not be patched and repaired by American Bio-Tech and will need to be replaced
- Estimates to date
 - \$2,700 repair foundation
 - \$2,500 repair 2 chimneys with sealant
 - awaiting estimates for flashing repairs, replacement of soffits, and repair & painting of rotten window casements, sills, and other trim as necessary.

Zanne made a motion to proceed with a request of to the Board of Selectmen for release of funds already appropriated in Swift House budget to begin to address the foundation and rotten soffits and any other urgent protective work that needs to be done to prevent further damage. Marge seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Next meeting date:

Zanne and Marge agreed on Monday, September 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 10:03 a.m.

Joyce Kearns and Zanne Charity