

Town of Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee
Minutes of September 25, 2025 site visit with
Brentwood Historical Society at the Grange Building on Crawley Falls Road

Committee Members: Jim Hajjar (chair), Michelle Siudut (secretary), Kat Niemirosky

BHS representatives: President Dexter Swasey, Laura Hajjar

5:19 pm. Brentwood Historical Society President Dexter Swasey reminded us the Grange building is a town owned building, stewarded by the Brentwood Historical Society. It is a historical building and may be eligible for some grant monies. The NH Preservation Alliance will be doing a building assessment in the late fall, being paid through a grant.

There is no insulation in the building. All windows in the building are original. Four have been restored, many others need to be replaced/restored. Some have cracks or holes, others are missing completely.

There is no running water in the building. The Fire department fills the water tank in the spring to allow for watering of plants. There is an incinerator toilet, but no water to wash hands after use.

There are 2 main floors in the building, plus an attic and basement. There is chair access from the first floor to the second floor stage room. However the dining room is not wheelchair accessible from the stage room. Estimate to install a ramp between those 2 spaces is approximately \$3200.

The attic area is used for storage of non-perishable items. There is evidence of bats.

Water is eroding the foundation of the building. The basement is a dirt floor, has no circulation, has moisture issues as evidenced by the mushrooms growing. The basement fieldstone needs to be reset/repointed. Some of the beams have extensive damage from carpenter ants. The furnace is creating condensation/moisture concerns. There are no outlets in the basement to provide for ventilation. Stairs to the basement need to be replaced.

There are some items already on the Capital Improvement Plan. These include the parking lot, well, bathroom/septic. Currently, if there is rain, flooding makes the front door of the building inaccessible. Estimate to grade, add drainage and pave the parking lot is \$10K. Estimate for the well are about \$30K.

Exterminator has treated for carpenter ants, beetles and chipmunks.

Visit concluded at 6:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Siudut, Secretary