

## **Grand View Farm Advisory Committee**

**Jan. 11, 2012**

The meeting was held at the Town Hall Annex and opened at 7 PM.

**In Attendance:** Chairman Nick Rubino, Roger Morrison, Judy Wasserman, Rob Zahora, Kathi Horton, Brenda Cahoon, and Toni Faria

**The Minutes:** The minutes of Nov. 29, 2011 were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** No Treasurer's report was given due to the absence of the Treasurer.

**Grand View Construction Update** No update was given due to the absence of Town Administrator, Bob Mercier. In addition, our contacts, Selectmen Walter Zenkin and Bob Hogan were absent. Committee members agreed to contact the Selectmen and administration for an update. The committee members had questions about the completion of the site, and the parking area around the main house and barn. The committee agreed to contact the Town Administrator's office to request an update on the status of the overall project.

Concerns voiced by the members were:

1. Suggested plan for the rental for the property -(Nick and Sonia volunteered to be on the committee, with Roger as an alternate)
2. Bids for the two houses on S. Bedford Street should go out as soon as possible.
3. Grand View site work should be finished in 2012
4. Parking area should be completed.
5. Open house at the barn before Town Meeting - April 28<sup>th</sup> 2012.

**Barn Open House-** Spring of 2012 is the planned opening. Committee members agreed to help. Sub Committee for the Open House includes Brenda, Roger, and Kahti.

**Newspaper & TV Coverage -& publicity -** Judy Wasserman plans to interview Shawsheen students. Possible articles about the historic house may be written as well. She will check on historic dates in conjunction with Grand View. Brenda Cahoon suggested including photographs of artifacts taken from the house and barn. The artifacts are stored in a container at the DPW yards. Toni offered the barn artifacts list of 2004. Town Meeting and the polls would be places to distribute flyers about Grand View. Judy offered an idea for fund raising that consisted of a piggy bank and information about Grand View to be placed at various places in town. The Town Clerk will be asked for permission to have the donation container placed in the clerk's office. Possible recognition of the Shawsheen Students for the work done at Grand View was suggested. Selectmen's meeting or Town Meeting was suggested. Contacting the Town Administrator and the Shawsheen instructors will be done before any plans are made.

**Web Site-** Rob Zahora - Rob shared information concerning the availability of cable coverage at Grand View. The buildings are " being wired" for use, but not ready yet.

**Important Dates -Town Meeting Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>,Town Meeting April 28<sup>th</sup> (Bob's Last TM), Town Meeting May 14**

**Grand View Meetings - will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Toni Faria