

Swift House Task Force Minutes**February 2, 2024**

Special Joint Meeting with Board of Selectmen
Held at Swift House

4:00 P.M.

Note: Audio recording of meeting was made but no video recording possible due to lack of wi-fi at Swift House.

Swift House Task Force Present: Zanne Charity, Glen Sanchez and Marge Smith
Board of Selectmen Present: Marty Lindenmayer, Glenn Sanchez, Lynn Worthington

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

- Walk-through of Swift House building , noting that:

Rear room will require insulation & heating upgrade for year-round use

Stairs from 1st to 2nd floor are not to code and will need to be replaced, depending upon use of second floor

- Discussion re potential future uses of Swift House (first floor):

Consensus that SH should continue to be used as in the past by civic organizations for meetings, events, exhibitions, etc with insurance for those activities (except when liquor is served) to be covered by Town

Consensus to continue rentals for Private Events such as family reunions, rehearsal dinners, birthday parties (requiring separate insurance)

Possible municipal office & storage space for Parks & Rec close to outdoor recreational facilities. Marty noted that space at Kent Center School also a consideration for P& R.

Possible municipal office for Social Services or in lower level of Community House adjacent to Food Pantry.

Potential Welcome/Information Center for Town during tourist seasons, to be discussed further with Chamber of Commerce leadership

Zanne will report on the above discussions to Silver/Petrucelli for their planning purposes.

- Discussion re potential future use of Swift House (second floor)

Options for second floor use deferred pending information from Silver/Petrucelli regarding code requirements. Zanne to follow up with architects requesting presentation to BoS & SHTF of options & attendant requirements at next meeting.

- Swift House near-term funding needs:

Zanne Charity distributed an outline of near-term needs for BoS consideration while working on Town Budgets, also attached as background with agenda for meeting.

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It was noted that some funding needs may be eligible for state grants once State Historic designation is achieved for Swift House. Glenn said he is following up on the application previously submitted by Marge.

Next Meeting: To be scheduled following BoS Operating Budget meetings, likely early March.

Meeting was adjourned at