

Property Committee Report

January 2024

The Property Committee did not meet this month, though we exchanged emails and numerous texts on various issues. We did not have enough decisions to make to warrant a formal meeting. This is what we accomplished:

1. We have ordered memorial plaques for Doug Balfour, Mark Hickman, Janet Southwood, Ruth Lofgren, and Marian Carter. We put off ordering a plaque for Rusty Carter until we could find his birth and death years, which we have now found (1930-1993). The five plaques will be ready for pick-up in 8-10 weeks. Rusty's will be a bit later.
2. Despite being assured by two separate internet companies that we could get fiber strung to the Meetinghouse, there is no fiber yet installed on our side of the street. We are thus stuck with Spectrum's overpriced internet service. Several companies, including Google, claim that fiber will be coming "soon". We are reminded of the famous Beckett play, "Waiting for Gogol".
3. A need to buy more paper towels for the bathrooms created a flurry of text messages about what other supplies we need, along with a rather humorous conversation about the worth or non-worth of our previous custodian's favorite cleanser. (We're switching brands.) Thanks to Julia for buying the supplies.
4. Many thanks to Kara and her father for staining the gate.
5. We cancelled our monthly workday. The temperature was predicted to range from 21° at 8am to 34° at noon. Brrrr.
6. Our custodian reported on January 13th that someone had unsuccessfully attempted to break into the Meeting Room storage closet.
7. We either have fewer nighttime visitors (other than D_____) or they know how to hide from the cameras. We suspect the former.
 - a. We await the Meeting's discussion of when/whether to inform police of potential night visitor troubles.
 - b. Despite his assurances to Val, D_____ continued to sleep on the porch during the worst of the cold. Discovering this, Bill spoke with Jim on Monday evening, and they agreed to ask the police to check on his safety. We believe he agreed to go to a shelter. Jim and Bill are comfortable with their decision.
8. Everything else is still on our To-Do list, including the window-washing on which we reported last month.

Respectfully,
Jim Spickard, Committee Clerk