

**Select Board Site Visit
Cheney Hill School
Cedar Avenue
Friday, September 16, 2016 at 5:30PM.**

Present were Select Board members Josh Terenzini, Mary Ashcroft and Chris Kiefer-Cioffi. The group first toured the interior, noting the good condition of floors on the main floor, but the need to upgrade bathrooms—perhaps combining two smaller one to make one large unisex bath which was handicapped accessible. There was leak in the roof which was repaired earlier this year; the leak resulted in some staining of the ceilings. Electrical wiring will need to be upgraded, but the windows were recently replaced. There are locked storage cabinets with no indication of which organizations stored items in them.

The basement contains small rooms good for storage, but otherwise in need of work. The basement is not handicapped accessible. The kitchen would need a serious upgrade, or moved upstairs. The furnace is relatively new and a sprinkler system has been installed.

On the exterior, the ramp needs to be repaired in a few places, but not replaced. The recent cost bid seems high. The exterior of the building needs to be pressure washed.

We should explore further the idea of keeping the building, making some repairs, and renting it for community functions. Mary noted that the building had been used for the Cheney Hill Seniors group, 4-Winds training, some Cub Scout events, a church group, etc. However, there is no regular user for the building at present. There may be grant funds available through the Vermont Housing and Conservation Trust to begin some rehab work, phased over time. We should consider a separate ballot item for a repair budget if we chose to go in this direction.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15PM.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ashcroft