

**Building and Grounds Report
February 2021**

Committee Members:

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Jim Pluka	Brother Joe	Grant Scott			

The committee has conferenced three times since the last board meeting. The committee continues to focus on the list of items that was set during the April 2018 committee overnight, as well as, how does the committee fit into the future planning for The Mountain.

1. Timbering:

The logging firm has until March 2021 to complete the logging and renew any parking or staging area that they used around the chapel. They are close to being finished.

2. Chapel Entrance Update:

Process continues to move forward with Grant Scott preparing concepts based on information from last meeting up at The Mountain.

3. Alternative/Back-up Power for The Mountain:

This has been the main focus of the committee during the 2nd half of the year. We have had many discussions around back-up power and this conversation has evolved to the opportunity to go 100% solar to feed the electrical needs of the entire Mountain, as well as, provide solar back-up power in emergencies.

The committee has met with a former '88 alum, Dean Stanfield, who works with one of the largest solar energy firm in NYS. The committee and the Board have had several meetings with him discussing placement of array, as well as, cost savings and recoupment. On January 25th, we held a "town hall" type meeting where the B & G committee along with Dean Stanfield presented the concepts, placement of array and cost of project. With the ability to have a donor take advantage of the full cost of the project and tax breaks that come with it the total project would cost The Mountain \$20,000. We would recoup the cost of this project with 11 years and the current array to be placed on the property are guaranteed for 25 years, but will last 35 years.

All of this is inline with the goals and mission of The Mountain. It has been a conversation for many years and the technology and cost appears to be inline for it to become a reality.

The next moves will be to discuss placement at the next Board meeting and hopefully move towards approaching possible friends that may be in the position to take on the project financially so that he/she and The Mountain can take advantage of all the tax benefits to lower the total cost. Once the decision and donor have been set, it will be a 6 month project to completion. It is our hopes to start this Spring, but if not, we would have to most likely wait until Spring of 2022 for installation.

4. St. Joe's Entrance

We are continuing to talk with Ron Gaylord, the contractor who installed all the replacement windows and doors last year, on building a roof over the entrance to St. Joe's so that the outdoor space can be used and protect the new door that was installed from the elements.

Paul Aroune