

Property Committee Annual Report 2009-2010

Committee Members: Rob Bate, Amy Bucklin, Muriel Credle, Penny Guild, Mary Licking, Sandy Martinage, Jenn Morton, Bob Sampson, Scott Shepherd, Kurt Steinbruek, Peter Taudvin, Jim Thorp, Mike Wilt

Year In Review:

Many projects--- too many to list individually, kept the property Committee busy throughout the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Last summer's agenda included replacing the top half of the West side of the Sanctuary's slate roof, re-roofing the glass link between the Sanctuary and the RE/White Wing building, painting the most weathered of the exterior surfaces, & carpet steam cleaning. Last fall we held another successful fall clean-up with help from many fantastic volunteers. This winter saw the installation of the handrails at the front of the Sanctuary.

Looking Ahead:

In this coming year, the Property Committee is working to increase the safety of the Property and those who use it by working to achieve fire communication inter-connectivity throughout the buildings. This is an ambitious project that is much too overwhelming to accomplish within a year or two. This project has a long range goal, that we will work toward in small pieces so as to not burden the Property Committee financially.

This summer there will be the "traditional" summer maintenance activities; painting, carpet steam cleaning, exterior window cleaning. Also, the 50 year old sprinkler heads in the RE/White Wing building will be replaced.

In September, we will be planting a Peace Pole. The Peace Pole was donated by Shirley Rayburn and will be a wonderful addition to the church grounds.

As always, the Property Committee has many more projects on the perpetual "To-Do" List, but budget constraints dictate how much we can accomplish in each year. So, our most important task this year is assigning priority to the many projects that we would like to complete, and spending our budget wisely.

Lost Without Them:

It has been said that It Takes A Village to raise a child. This is also true of maintaining our lovely UU Nashua Property. On a daily basis, Sandy Martinage is our "go-to" gal. Meeting with contractors & inspectors, trouble-shooting any issues that come up, keeping track of maintenance due, and on top of all that, the daily cleaning tasks of the 3 building Property are all capably completed by Sandy. We would be lost without her. Penny Guild, Muriel Credle, & Mary Licking form a team of maintenance

heroes that walk the Property each week to identify and fix issues of concern. We would be lost without them. Scott Shepherd designed, built, and installed the handrails in the Sanctuary. As our “resident professional” he is ready and willing to do the heavy lifting... literally. He hauled discarded pipes and heating supplies as well as old unusable building materials to the dump as part of our fall clean-up. He and his sons dug into the drain areas at the RE building windows and removed yards of dirt & debris to help clear a drainage block. This spring Scott showed up early for a Property Meeting, threw a ladder against the building, and rapidly cleared the gutters of leaves and replaced the gutter shields. We would be lost without him. Mike Wilt often quietly takes on and completes projects. His dedication to the Property Committee has been invaluable. We would be lost without him. Rob Bate has taken over as Secretary for our meetings. We would be lost without him. Jim Thorp maintains the exterior landscaping of both the church grounds and the cemetery. This is no small task, but even so, he is always willing to do more. Each week he takes the Church’s recycling to the city landfill. We would be lost without him. Peter Taudvin is always willing to lend a hand on tasks. We would be lost without him. Bob Sampson is an amazing historian and electrician. His knowledge of all aspects of the Property is a valuable resource. Also, he is always willing to lend a hand on electrical projects. His donations of wisdom and time are worth much more than money can buy. We would be lost without him. This year, we have gratefully welcomed 2 new members to the Property Committee... Amy Bucklin and Kurt Steinbrueck. They bring a renewal of excitement and energy to the Property Committee. We are looking forward to a productive year in 2010-2011.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenn Morton, Chair
Property Committee