

Property Coordinator Update
September 20, 2013

This is a 4 week update.

Parsonage Sale

The parsonage did, indeed sell on Friday, September 6, 2013. The buyer sincerely shared her love for the property and her intention to honor the history and the spirit of the building. She loved the copy of the photo of the parsonage from before the addition was put on which Deana supplied and asked many questions about the property.

Due to our Tax ID, the check for the sale of the parsonage had to be made payable to NEYM. We will receive the check from NEYM next Wednesday (9/25) when I am in Worcester.

For many, many years, Meeting has been renting a Conversion Burner from New England Gas Company for the furnace in the parsonage. We alerted the buyer to this before the closing. Her heating contractor found no evidence of this equipment on the current furnace. I am trying to solve this mystery, wondering if it was on the previous furnace. I would welcome any information or suggestions Friends might have around this!

The Well

I have not heard back regarding the last water test, which means it must have been clear of bacteria, etc. I will contact the company on Monday and get the documentation needed to inform the Westport Health Department. It looks like the landscaping company recently seeded the area. We need to mark the well cap before winter so that the plow doesn't mistakenly run over it with a stone, a shrub, or a fence.

Property Rentals and Use

Eliza Miley will be using the Community House every Wednesday afternoon for her Brownie Troop meetings. ☺

The Property Committee is considering a request to rent the Community House for local band concerts, hosted by teens and young adults, and will eventually bring this item to Monthly Meeting for Business for discernment.

I have been doing additional cleaning in Potter House, particularly on the 2nd floor, in order to help create a more welcoming environment for the FDS classes. Amy Lee-Vieira and Betty Ann Lee did a fabulous job cleaning out the FDS closets in the M&C room, the child care room, and the hallway between these 2 rooms. Thank you!

Transition with Deana

Deana, Greg and I continue to work together regarding picking up the mail, depositing checks, getting my name on Meeting's card for BJ's, getting the trash out and the empty trash cans returned, etc. I am grateful for her willingness to be of continued help, particularly as the local – ie, down the street – presence for our Meeting. Thank you!

Gretchen Baker-Smith