

# Minutes: Buildings and Facilities Committee

(former Civic Center Committee)

Wednesday, August 14, 2024

Alumni Hall, Second Floor Conference Room

- Attendees: Charlie Atwood; Art Dessureau; Rick Dente; Paula Dolan; Brent Gagne; Matt Flaherty; Sue Higby
- Not in Attendance: Jon Valsangiacomo; Burnie Allen
- Others in Attendance: Rikk Taft; Jim McWilliam

Minutes for the August 14, 2024, meeting prepared by Sue Higby. Co-chair

The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie Atwood at 8:02AM.

1. Minutes for the July 10, 2024 meeting were reviewed. The minutes were approved, with a motion by Paula Dolan, seconded by Brent Gagne and affirmed by the Committee.
2. Visitors and Communications – Dave Fournier, Chair, State Wrestling Championship event

Darren and Jim have spearheaded the use of the AUD in ‘Feb ’25 for the statewide VT Wrestling Championship matches (scheduled for Feb. 28-Mar 1).

Potential needs:

- Storage space for the athlete’s personal items;
- Photocopy machine
- Use of the locker room showers
- Reserve 3 rows of seats behind scoring table for former coaches and other VIP’s
- Volunteers for the event
- Seating for those with mobility challenges

3. Winter Preparations

BOR

- Interim situation: Dawn is assisting with the BOR/ice scheduling activities
- Lightbulbs are being replaced (LED) before ice is prepared
- Rik is working on the turf storage issues (he is looking into a 20x24’ stick built storage unit)
- Alternate plan: Use the garage and move batting cages.
- Rik is looking into an on-demand system for hot water
- The benches and ticket book are being repaired/redone
- Rik is assessing how to rebuild the compressor (for next year) and obtaining quotes for roof repairs

AUD

- Apparently, the Sanders earmark funding has been received or it is available for use. The question was raised: Is the funding held by Barre, is interest earned on the funds for

potential use for AUD repairs, or is the funding available only as work is completed/invoiced? More information about the funding was requested.

#### 4. Digital Sign

- Further discussion took place concerning how/who should have a discussion with parking lot property owner about placing snow away from the digital sign. We need to follow-up with Burnie Allen, who may have a relationship with the property owner.
- Matt provided specific suggestions for short messages used with the digital sign to build our audience for the hill complex and Rik shortened the website to: [Barrecity.org/rent]
- Rik will examine ways to make updating the digital sign more seamless (currently, there is a tedious re-booting function that hinders updates.)

#### 5. Civic Center Financial Review Request

- The Committee received its last update at the March meeting.
- The Committee requested quarterly reports during the year
- More information about the Sanders earmark funds was requested
- Breaking out various categories of maintenance is needed
- When should the Committee recommend new rates/pricing?

#### 6. Marketing Report – Jim McWilliam

- While we lost a sponsorship last month, Jim sold the space to Peake Mechanical. In addition, ROA dropped from the dashers roster and there are some hot irons in the fire for filling the spaces.
- Jim suggested that the Committee consider a one-time promotion of the new turf, as a way to say “thank you!” and a way to share the fun use of the turf with potential new users.
- Art Dessureau made a motion to permit Jim to invite sponsors of the BOR/AUD to use the facility and turf for 2 hours, free of charge, (when no other activity is on the calendar). Hours to be determined. This would take place during the month of September, 2024. The Committee unanimously supported this motion.
- Jim described a couple of basketball activities in the works: UVM women will be playing at the AUD on Friday, Oct. 4. Also, there will be 2 Division I teams (Mt. Mansfield, Essex Junction) playing at the AUD in January, 2025.
- Jim is talking with various people about some ideas for new expos/shows at the AUD in the future, including potentially a tattoo show and a quilt show.

The Committee meeting was adjourned at 9:45AM.