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Budget & Building 11/01/2023

Attending: Barb Glenn, David Shearing, Lorie Ames (6:06), Jessica DeMarte (Director).

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 pm.

The committee discussed the proposed Investment Policy. Dave made a motion to approve the policy as written, Barb seconded.

Director DeMarte provided an update on the front lights, which are now working. The boiler inspection revealed rust issues and there is a recommendation to replace in the next 18-24 months. Director DeMarte will research options for the boiler replacement as well as options for funding.

Director DeMarte also provided an update on DRI. She is waiting to hear back from SHPO re: the project. Answers to questions from the consultants/Local Planning Committee were provided as requested.

The committee made a recommendation to begin funding the reserve policy by setting aside 1% of the budget annual until funded as described in the policy.

The committee discussed the Taylor Endowment Fund, currently in funds that will mature in December. Per the OSC opinion, Director DeMarte will explore options beyond CDs that the funds could be invested in once maturity is reached.

A discussion was held on 2024 staff wages. Director DeMarte will send out additional information collected.

The draft of the 2025 budget was reviewed. Director DeMarte will put together a 12% and 15% increase as requested. She will also explore what a timeline to hold an earlier vote would be and report back to the committee.

The committee briefly discussed eTransactions procedures.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jessica DeMarte.