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Barnard House Steering Committee Tuesday, January 22, 2013 Meeting Notes

Attendees – Georgia F. Brutscher, Chair; Committee – Laressa McNemar, Mary Dugan and John O’Neal (KURC), Jean Conary, Dennis Melton, Carol Haaf, Kris Firey-Poling, Matt Read, Richard Jensen; Guest – Barbara Holmes.

National Registry – Committee briefly revisited merits of resubmitting an application. The decision was made not to pursue because of too many modifications to the structure and the potential effect on grants.

Assignments – Brutscher reported that she recently met with Representative Steve Barrar to discuss grant opportunities and the status of legislation to modify prevailing wage requirements for municipal projects. As a result of that meeting, the Committee was assigned topics as follows:

Committee Member(s)	Topic	Assignment
Brutscher	Marcellus Shale Impact Fee Distribution	Contact Chesco officials to determine if a portion of the \$400,000+- rec’d by County can be used to install natural gas line
McNemar & Haaf	Geothermal technology	Brutscher to provide contact for geothermal grants for municipal facilities
Firey-Poling & Conary	Historic grants	Discuss with Twp Historical Committee the status of historic grants for community or municipal facilities
McNemar	Block grant application	Investigate community block grant information provided from Barrar
Jensen	Gas/propane install	Viability of coordinating natural gas line installation w/County if their facilities are not currently connected
Simone	Prevailing wage laws	Contact adjacent twps., CCATO, to garner support for the bill to release local gov’t from mandated wages/raise the threshold/change the way prevailing wage is calculated

KURC donation – Dugan announced that KURC received a \$50,000 donation from a local family, and the museum consultant for KURC is seeking a matching grant. Committee agreed that KURC is in the best position for fundraising.

Township open house – Brutscher reported that a suggestion was made to hold an open house event in May to invite the public to visit all four Township facilities: Schoolhouse, Barnard House, Administration Building and Public Works Garage. Committee agreed that this would be a great opportunity to outline the steps necessary to transition to new space at the Barnard House as well as communicate issues with the Denton Hollow Road office. McNemar suggested that a post card invitation to the open house include brief feedback questions so that the Committee will have an idea of what topics to address. All agreed that the open house will be a great opportunity to improve communication.

Window repairs – Jensen suggested that the Township obtain 3 quotes to repair 4 windows in order to demonstrate the unknowns, i.e., the extent to which the windows need repair – what is believed to be true will be confirmed. He suggested that based on the scope of work for window repair, the quotes should be obtained on time and material basis with an estimated maximum. Brutscher will request approval from the Board to proceed with obtaining quotes to repair 4 windows with an eye toward the repairs being completed for the open house.

Next meeting – the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013, at 4:30 p.m.

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