

Building Our Vision Team
Unitarian Universalist Church of Nashua
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It has been another busy year for the Building Our Vision Team. We used the vision statement that was accepted by the congregation along with other information we have been collecting to create a Request For Proposal ([RFP](#)) for architects.

We had 7 firms apply. We led tours through the church for each and limited down to 4 architects to interview. We brought it down to 3 we liked, and felt lucky to have such a great list of architects interested in the project. We selected Dennis Mires and his company The Architects for the job, based on experience and style that matched the responses from the congregation.

Since hiring The Architects there has been a lot of activity. We had an energy audit done on the Sanctuary and Parish house that included an infrared study. A survey of the front of the church to better understand our options for accessible entryways. We are also working with The Architects on hiring a Construction Manager. The Construction Manager in this case is not for immediate construction, but to come up with realistic price estimates for the plans The Architects draw up.

We have also started 5 Task Forces to start to get more detailed information from the congregation on different aspects of a plan. These Task Forces have begun to meet, although anyone is welcome to join at any point. The more input from the congregation the better the plan.

Financially, BOV has been allocated \$36,207.67 to use for this phase of the project. This money is coming from the Bicentennial Fund. So far we have used \$10,905.58 of that budget for the services of our architects, a survey of our property and utility mapping. The contract with The Architects is for \$19,500 total, with \$6500 paid to them so far.

For more information:

We have a web page on the uunashua website.

<https://uunashua.org/building-our-vision/>

We post updates here:

<https://uunashua.org/category/bovupdates/>

We will be presenting at the annual meeting, which will include hearing from the architect Dennis Mires.

Respectfully Submitted,
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