

Property Team Annual Report 2022-2023

This year has had a shift in leadership with Ericka LaValley, staff liaison, taking the role of Property Team Chair until a volunteer is willing to take this role. We have continued our goal from last year not to repair or replace any major infrastructure that is slated to be upgraded by BOV construction. We have been fortunate this year that no major infrastructural concerns have arisen.

Property team projects; current and completed in 2022-2023:

Boiler and Heating System Repairs

Landscaping and Plowing

Classroom Exterior Door Project (completed)

Fire Marshal report

Inspections

Fall Clean Up

Grove St. Lot parking spaces re-lined

Building Maintenance

Last year we had the courtyard drain cleaned out. Since this service, Mark Connolly, church sexton, has been monitoring the courtyard for debris and keeping it clean, which has led to minimal flooding in the courtyard this year. There has been no need to pump the courtyard this program year, a major change from previous years.

This spring we put out a call to the congregation for assistance with finding a new landscaper as our previous landscaper was no longer available. With the congregation's help, we have found a new landscaper. Zero Turn LLC has been out to do spring cleanup as well as put out fresh mulch. The property looks spectacular and we look forward to working with this new company.

The Classroom Exterior Door project was completed this year. We used Aloha Overhead Doors. All 5 doors were replaced. Mark Connolly will be painting the exterior of these doors this spring/summer.

We have had many successful inspections this year. It is amazing the amount of inspections a church receives annually. Our Fire Marshall Inspection was completed with no issues and we received 100 on our spring health department inspection! Our quarterly elevator inspection in the fall led to finding a default in a smoke detector. This was replaced quickly and the inspection was completed with a pass shortly after the repair. Other inspections include emergency lights, fire extinguishers, etc.

Our boilers, knock on wood, behaved themselves tremendously this year! We had a minor issue early in the fall where an ignitor needed to be replaced in the sanctuary boiler. This was a minor expense, considering the usual expense we pay for the boiler annually. We plan to continue

annual inspections and cleaning of the boiler at the end of the summer to maintain these sensitive pieces of equipment.

This past summer we had some vandalism on our Grove St. playground and in the cemetery. The vandalism included a cracked dome on the climbing structure as well as graffiti. Mark Connolly used a power washer and cleaner to remove the graffiti as well as found a replacement dome and installed it himself. In addition to vandalism, paraphernalia was being left under the climbing structure on a regular basis which led the team to agree to order surveillance signs for the playground, in addition to keeping the Grove St. gate closed during the week. Since these two items were implemented, there have been no issues on the playground.

We had another productive fall clean-up. Thank you to all the members who came out to help keep the property beautiful. Again, this year we scheduled two Saturday sessions, with one being a rain date. The first Saturday had lots of rain in the forecast so we postponed it to the following weekend and were able to complete the project in one day.

During our fall clean-up we began cleaning out the garden beds in the Lemon St lot. The soil in these garden beds were tested and tested positive for lead. Because of this, we can not use these beds for gardening food and they are unsafe. We removed garden beds along the cemetery wall. We have remaining garden beds to clear out along Lemon St and along the back retaining wall but will need to bring in a crew with equipment to help remove the woody weeds that are too tough for us to remove on our own. Once this is completed we will landscape these cleared out areas to look more aesthetically pleasing.

We are continuing to monitor and discuss the need for exterior painting as well as potential roof repair. Each year we find a piece of slate from the roof has fallen. Both of these items are big projects and we need to keep a close eye on them moving forward.

The to-do list at UU Nashua is never ending. There is always a repair or updating that is in need of attention. We are so fortunate to have the team we have who are always quick to respond and attentive to detail. This team is little but mighty.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ericka LaValley, staff liaison, Mark Connolly, Church Sexton, Scott Campbell, Bob Barry, Jon Lasselle, Bob Sampson, Ellen Fisher, and Craig Lange