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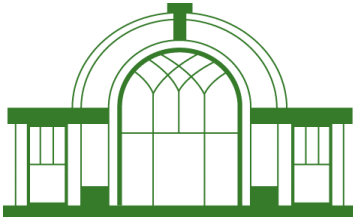
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The following information is in relation to the Gleason Public Library (GPL) RFQ: "To Diagnose Deterioration and Water Damage and to Develop Plans for the Restoration and Repair of the Gleason Public Library Historic Building Envelope" and responds to questions asked on August 20. The information will also be added to our website in the coming days.

1. What is the estimated construction value of the project?
A: We are going through the RFQ process to determine that figure.
2. Third floor – window (front). Is this a parphet/masonry wall?
A: yes
3. Have the town maintenance people opened up the flashing on the roof?
A: There has been repairs to it. Original slate roof with copper flashing has seen limited repairs over time.
4. Addition in 2000 with original roof?
A: The roof contains original slate.
5. The divider is next to the elevator.
A: The break between the historical building (1895) and renovation/expansion (2000) were discussed in the tour.
6. No problems with new addition?
A: RFQ addresses the scope of work. This project is pertaining to the historic structure.
7. Area Plan?
A: Floor plans (not to scale) for informational purposes were provided as a guide. Please write amollet@mvlc.org if you did not receive these and would like a copy.
8. How much money do you plan to spend? Is there any kind of budget?
A: The Committee has budgeted 32,000 of town appropriated funds for the first stage of this project. That figure is negotiable.
9. Have there been any estimates done by the town and/or town estimator?
A: No comprehensive estimates have been done.
10. Who was the architect for the new addition:
A: John French, Richmond French Designs





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11. Are you happy with the addition?

A: Yes

12. Did you receive outside assistance with the RFQ?

A: The RFQ was drafted by the Building Committee appointed by the Board of Library Trustees.

13. Water damage: dependent upon anything?

A: Different seasons have brought different visible signs, but nothing we can pinpoint.

14. Are these the only locations of damage? Has it been continuous for twenty years?

A: The damage has been sporadic but present for many years.

15. Is there a town archive and where is it located?

A: There are historical records for the town and related organizations at the town hall, Clerk's office, Historical Society, and the Gleason Public Library. Any request for information relating to this project should go through the Library.

16. On first level, where have you seen water?

A: Northwest wall on the northern side in up to about 3 feet.

17. Is it something as simple as a downspout?

A: Don't know/not sure.

18. What investigative work has been done on flashing? Has it been taken apart?

A: Never taken apart, though limited repairs over the years.

19. Will the sign up sheet be available.

A: A list of sitewalk attendees is attached (Doc3). We have had additional inquiries; it is impossible to determine the exact level of interest.

20. Are drawings available at the Library?

A: The architectural drawings of the 2000 renovation/addition will be available during public hours at the reference desk at the Gleason Public Library. Our public hours are on the website at www.gleasonlibrary.org.

21. Only one library level- no basement

A: Yes, no basement.





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22. Did you say that there is water in the electricity/telephone room?

A: Yes, the area is damp but water not measured.

23. Was pointing done as part of the renovation?

A: Limited part of the plan.

24. Have there been samples of the existing mortar taken?

A: Yes, mortar was taken in March 2007, but no analysis was done. It is possible mortar was taken around the renovation. If we find specific information, we will notify group.

25. Do you have original plans of the building?

A: Do not know at this time. We have not seen them. If we find this information, we will notify group.

26. Have you been repairing water damage as it occurs?

A: Have been cleaning dust up to three days before sitewalk on 2nd floor. We have not painted in last 6 months.

NOTE: We have painted on the 3rd floor between windows in last 6 months, but had not sanded since at least 1 year. We have not painted or sanded in the 2nd floor in over a year.

27: The transition from slate to asphalt.

A: This was done to bring the levels of roof together in building project of 2000.

28: Any leaking in this area?

A: Not that we are aware of.

29. Any other leaking?

A: Children's second floor windows.

30. Coming through the windows or below?

A: Dripping from the windows in children's.

Any other questions should be directed to Angela Mollet at amollet@mvlc.org.

The renovation plans (2000) are available at the Gleason Public Library and include information about the repointing and work that was done at that time. The plans are available anytime the library is open. You can find the hours at www.gleasonlibrary.org. The materials are at the reference desk.

