

Building Trades PAC Minutes - 2/09/2023

Present: Donald Piette, Tom Rooney, Frank Carbonneau, Claude Paul, Jeremy Broe, Gwen Bailey-Rowe

Missing: Grant Spates, Mark Lantagne, Tom Scherer

1. **Comment on last meeting minutes** - Tom Rooney the reason that he stopped building houses was repetition. He liked for students to repeat the skills. Discussion continued about how students by Year 2 want to get out to work on live projects outside of the classroom.
2. **Discuss current projects** - Much math and estimation was involved in these projects
 - a. "Our Big Pour" is the foundational work on the **Sap Shack** that is being built for Natural Resources to house syrup tanks. The challenge of heating up the pad to prepare for construction.
 - b. **Log cabin Lean-to's for Prouty Beach** - Mortise and tenon work, rounding logs, staining and sealing logs.
 - c. **Charleston School Bookcases STEM program** - took book carts apart and rebuilt - great outreach project
3. **Framing and Finishing** - Lean-to Buildings, Sap Shack, layout for floors and walls
4. **New Tools** - drill for each student, spindle sander, commercial belt sander, blade sharpener. Discussion turns to Jeremy working to spend down his budget
5. **Pizzagalli (PC Construction)** - guest speakers, setting up to take a Field Trip to Stowe to see job site, talked about the jobs they have going on (all the way to Miami) employee owned, job opportunities. One of the speakers was a graduate of VTC Construction Management. Frank is willing to help coordinate field trips to job sites.
6. **Lincoln Tech visit** (Feb 10) - Some students will be part of this visit with Marc's class. Jeremuy is working on dual enrollment with VTC. We talked about the form
7. **OSHA 10 completion for Year One** - One or two students still need to finish. We want to move towards in person training interactive.
8. **Land Lab Teaching Assistant** - Gwen talks about the funding used to hire him, Perkins, and the plans for him to support students.
9. **NCCER Update** - AOE curriculum, Tom asked if we bought the textbooks. Students don't like NCCER and Jeremy's impression is that Building Trades teachers do not like NCCER. Where are these tests being created? Why are terms on this test being asked that are not familiar to industry professionals in our region?
10. **CPR Training** - Looking at that doing that as a group with the Land Lab
11. **Forklift Training** - Get a certification going
12. **Update on Legislative Funding** - Meeting with Vermont Land Trust to review a possible project at Bluffside Farm