Dear Georgetowners, March, 2016

Many of you are probably aware that for more than a year the Town has been working on renovating the First Baptist Church (owned by the Town). It is located across Bay Point Road from the Central School. Thanks to the initiative of Selectmen Bill Plummer and the efforts of a group of volunteers, significant deficiencies in the basement of the building have been abated. The upstairs church area did not require any significant repairs, other than removal of an abandoned interior chimney.

To date, the followings basement tasks have been completed:

* Removal of sheet rock walls, exposing the original stone foundation and brick walls;
* Removal of the ceiling, exposing the original hand hewn log beams;
* Removal of the damaged wooden floor and pouring a new concrete floor, including an interior foundation drainage system, installation of PVC conduits for electrical and water lines;
* Removal and storage of the old “school house globe” ceiling lights;
* Removal of the damaged heating system, duct work and oil tank;
* Scraping and painting of exterior trim and windows;
* Removal of the old non-functioning bathroom and kitchen areas; and
* Relocation of the electrical panel and disconnecting outdated electrical circuits.

***What lies ahead for this 200 year old building?***

Before any re-work is undertaken, the Town is seeking ***YOUR*** feedback on potential uses for the building. It is envisioned that the upstairs area will generally remain intact and could be available for weddings, funeral services, memorials, a meeting room or a lecture or music room, etc. However, the basement area (approx. 30’x40’) is now, basically a blank canvas that could be used for varied uses depending on how it is configured. Should a kitchen area be reinstalled? What appliances would be needed? What size should the new bathroom be? What electrical and lighting needs would be needed for what uses? Should the building be used seasonally (without heat) or year round (with a new heating system)? These are just a few sample questions that need to be addressed before this project moves forward. Once potential usages and/or needs have been identified, the Town can evaluate their feasibility within the existing “building funds”.

Please think about what potential uses this 200 year old building could serve. How could it best serve Georgetown’s needs? It is expected that the building would not conflict with goals of Georgetown’s Community Center. The Town needs ***YOUR*** feedback. If you would like to ***volunteer to serve on this “usage committee”***, please email Select Board member Kate MacKay. For usage suggestions only, please drop them off to the Town Office or via email to John Jones, no later than April 25.

Thank you for your assistance,

Usage Committee -

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**First Church Response Form**

**(Drop off at Town Office or cut/paste and email by April 25, 2016)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (optional)

Below are my suggested uses for the building:

[ ] as seasonal (no heat necessary) OR [ ] as yearly (heat is necessary)

[ ] kitchen is not necessary OR [ ] kitchen is necessary

[ ] provide a stove using [ ] propane [ ] electric

[ ] provide a refrigerator

[ ] provide a microwave

[ ] provide a sink

[ ] other appliances: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Upstairs church area:

[ ] meeting room [ ] music room [ ] weddings [ ] funeral or memorial services

Basement area:

[ ] meeting room [ ] music room [ ] weddings [ ] funeral or memorial services

[ ] other uses (upstairs or basement), please list and describe:

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General Comments:

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