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FIRE INSPECTION RESULTS

Site Id: 29908

Structure Information

Name: FAIRFAX TOWN OFFICES Address: 75 HUNT STREET
 Structure Id: 29908 FAIRFAX, VT 05454

Owner Information

Owner: BELLOWS FREE ACADEMY (N 6024) Address: REGINALD GODIN, PRINCIPAL
 Phone: 802-527-1454 71 SOUTH MAIN STREET
 ST ALBANS, VT 05478

Manager: FAIRFAX TOWN OF (N 25350) Address: P O BOX 27
 Phone: 849-6111 FAIRFAX, VT 05454

Building Description

Risk Index: L3	Smoke Det:	Occupants:	Units: 1
Const Type: 5B	CO Detect:	Stand Pipe:	Floors: 2
Occ Type: B	Fire Alarm:	Sprinkler:	Sq Feet: 1050
Heating: Oil Hot Air			

Project Description

Name: Fire Prevention Inspection 2010
 Type: Building Project Received: 05/14/2012 Workitem Id: 334338

Inspection Detail

Insp Date: 05/14/2012 Insp Type: Initial Violations: 10
 Comply By: 06/28/2012 Occ Granted: Conditional Hazard Index: Level 3
 Inspector: CHRIS A BOYD (S 58514) Referred To: FAIRFAX TOWN OF (N 25350)
 With: Robert Horr; Thomas Fontaine; Michelle Dufrense

Violations and Notes

This was a requested inspection of the Fairfax Town Offices. This is a 2 story, wood framed building with offices and meeting rooms on both floors. The following issues were documented and must be addressed:

- 1) At the time of inspection it was noted that the second floor has one means of egress through a single interior open stairway. One of the following options must be complied with as follows:
 - a) the current interior stair is enclosed at either the top or the bottom to separate floor levels and a exterior stair with a roof is installed to provide a compliant 2nd exit from the second floor, or
 - b) The building is protected throughout by an approved, supervised, automatic sprinkler system.
- 2) At the time of inspection it was noted that the building foundation has issues with water infiltration. The drainage issues around the foundation must be addressed and the foundation evaluated for structural soundness to ensure erosion has not occurred to the base or the stone walls themselves.
- 3) There were numerous electrical violations evident at the time of inspection. These include, but are not limited to new electrical work completed without any electrical work notice being obtained making the work questionable if it were done by a Vermont Licensed Master Electrician as required by the State Electrical Rules, improper grounding of the electrical system, lack of GFCI protection, use of extension cords to replace outlets where needed, labeling of circuits in the electrical panel, improperly terminated wiring in the basement. A Vermont licensed Master Electrician must evaluate the entire buildings electrical system. A written report detailing the deficiencies to be corrected must be submitted to the Electrical inspector, Barry Mallette at this office. The Electrical Inspector will make the determination if any Electrical Work Permits are needed or not.
- 4) The current roof is wood boars with half-lap and slate shingles. There is evidence that the roof system is leaking which must be repaired to maintain the building as weather tight.
- 5) There were multiple point of items penetrating the records vault that were not properly fire stopped. All penetrations in tot he vault must be fire stopped in a listed and approved method.



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6) At the time of inspection the heating appliances did not have any record to confirm they have been serviced over the last several years. Fuel fired heating appliances are required to be inspected every 2 years by a certified technician and marked appropriately by the inspecting technician. Have a Certified Technician evaluate and clean these units and their fuel supplies and means of venting. (NFPA 1:11.5.1.10 as amended by the 2006 Vermont Fire & Building Safety Code)

7) At the time of inspection it was noted that the boiler was in a room shared with the basement area in general. Any areas used for general storage, and boiler or furnace rooms must be either fire rated for 1-hour with a 1 hour fire rated door and self-closer or protected by a fire suppression system and provided with smoke tight compartmentalization. (NFPA 101 39.3.2.1;2006 Edition)

8) At the time of inspection it was noted that the front door was locked when the Offices were open. All exit doors must be unlocked during those times when the Offices are occupied by 10 or more persons, staff or the public.

9) The stairs on and within the building do not have compliant handrails. Compliant handrails must be installed on all stairs as follows:

a) The handrails must be 1 1/2 to 2 inches in diameter, circular in dimension.

b) Handrails must be mounted 34 to 38 inches above the leading edge of the stair tread.

c) At the top of the stairs, the handrail must extend at least 12 inches horizontally over the landing. The handrail must extend at least one tread width beyond the bottom stair tread, continuous from the top of the stairs to the lowest point of the handrail (for all locations other than within a dwelling unit, the handrails must also extend horizontally for a minimum of 12 inches at the bottom landing before returning to the wall where achievable).

d) Handrails must return to the wall, guard, or newel post so there are no open ends for clothing to be caught on, creating a trip hazard.

e) Handrails are required on both sides of the stairs in all buildings except where located within a dwelling unit, where handrails are required on one side the stairs only meeting the requirements described above. (NFPA 101 section 7.2.2.4.1)

10) A key box shall be installed on the premise as directed by the local fire department. Contact the Fairfax Fire Chief Justin Hayes for a key box application and desired location of the box. Access must be provided as described in the Fire Prevention Code (NFPA 1, 2003 Edition), Sections 10.12.1 10.12.3 listed below.

10.12.1 Access Box(es). The AHJ shall have the authority to require an access box(es) to be installed in an accessible location where access to or within a structure or area is difficult because of security.

10.12.2 Access to Gated Subdivisions or Developments. The AHJ shall have the authority to require fire department access be provided to gated subdivisions or developments through the use of an approved device or system.

10.12.3 Access Maintenance. The owner or occupant of a structure or area, with required fire department access as specified in 10.12.1 or 10.12.2, shall notify the AHJ when the access is modified in a manner that could prevent fire department access.