



FMW Renovation Update

April 22, 2018

Monday

We map out 2,400 additional square feet of garden to be “disturbed” to make the DOEE calculations work.

Tuesday

Ken points out that we have a small, temporary hot water heater in the old Quaker House boiler room and will need an electrical and plumbing upgrade so we can have a real one. The architect alerts the engineers.

Ken notices that the tree care service is treating the hollies that are due to be cut down next month.

Civil Engineers resubmit the site plan for DOEE review. DOEE comes back with some minor edits.

Final discussions of contract language.

We begin clearing out the north end of the Main Office to make space for the construction office.

DOEE asks Ken to vow to care for the new storm water bioretention planter in sickness and in health.

Wednesday

Workers start to carve out the new construction office, starting with removal of the old White House surplus beams from the ceiling.

Architect proposes new lighting schemes for the Assembly Room.

Civil engineer notifies us of assorted new paperwork steps involving paying fees and submitting a signed covenant to the DC Attorney General that we will maintain all the new storm water things they made us install according to a maintenance plan we will attach.

Thursday

Progress is made on the new office:



It will be an office for the next ten months or so, but eventually this is the new corridor from the Assembly Room to the new Lobby.

Final contract language approved. Bank asks for a Master Budget and “Equity Verification” (that we will pay a significant share of the costs out of our own pocket).

We try to figure out how to prove to the Attorney general that we actually do own the Meeting.

Monarc points out that we asked them to put opaque film on the bathroom windows, but the top of the windows aren’t windows, but exhaust fans.

Monarc points out that the engineers asked the retaining wall to be both curved and leaned back several degrees. Hard to do, it appears.

A flock of steelworkers visits the Meeting to discuss steel, and where it goes.

Webster HVAC works on getting the new compressors connected to the new furnaces.

Friday

Monarc delivers final contract for signature.

We begin a correspondence with Lawrence Wolk, friendly and helpful Assistant Attorney General for Real Estate Transactions.

Looking Ahead

The Main Office will never be the same.

Our Clerk of Trustees will sign the contract on behalf of the Meeting on Sunday.

We will get an approved site plan someday.

This is probably a good time to mention that the beginning of construction will mean the garden door of the Assembly Room will be unusable for a while. That, in turn means the Assembly Room cannot legally hold more than 49 people at one time, which may limit our coffee hour a bit.