Whereas, the Worth Mountain Lodge, located on the Middlebury College's Snow Bowl property, is a cabin available year-round to Middlebury College students and to members of the wider Middlebury Community,

Whereas, the Worth Mountain Lodge was closed last fall because of structural problems and the need for improvements to the buildings interior;

Whereas, Middlebury College Facilities and the Green Mountain Club (GMC) have assessed the building, and have provided a list of renovations that need to be made:

1. A New Concrete Foundation. The new foundation will sit on bedrock, and will be much less vulnerable to future frost action (the main cause of the current instability). The foundation and all associated work will cost $10,000.

2. Interior Costs. New doors, new shutters, window repairs, reinforcement for the upstairs loft, bunk repairs and some insulation and finishing work. The interior costs would be about $5,000.

3. Removal of the Woodstove (The GMC has removed every woodstove in nearly all of its shelters due to the fire safety hazards). The cost for the removal of the stove would fit within the interior costs.

Whereas, the Green Mountain Club and the College Administration are each willing to provide $5,000 to the Worth Mountain Lodge repairs;

Whereas, the total cost for the renovations would be $15,000; now therefore be it

Enacted,

That SGA fund the additional $5,000 for the Worth Mountain Lodge repairs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Anne Runkel

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Originally proposed.

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