

## Memorial Hall Improvements Summary

The Town of Essex was recently chosen to be a recipient of a *Cultural Facilities Grant* from the *Vermont Arts Council*. The grant, in the amount of \$20,000, was used for upgrades to the interior of Memorial Hall. Overall, a total of \$80,013.75 was spent on the upgrades to the hall. Those upgrades include:

- (1) New paint on the interior walls of the main hall as well as the entranceway into the hall. The colors were matched to the existing colors of the hall.
- (2) Additional electrical wiring was installed to cover more of the hall space. All other outlets and fixtures were brought up to code.
- (3) The existing wood floors were refinished and a new matte finish was used to reduce the glare from the stage lighting.
- (4) New dynamic staging platforms replace the existing plywood platforms. The new staging can be set-up in several different configurations, or can be completely deconstructed for maximum available floor space.
- (5) New moveable audience seating was purchased and installed, which can be used either on the platforms or on the floor for a variety of seating configurations. The previous platforms and staging were fixed and had no options for arrangement.

The work effort was accomplished using a variety of resources including the services of several contractors, administrative assistance within the Town Public Works Department, installation services by the Department of Public Works & Parks and Recreation Department employees, as well as community volunteers from the Essex Community Players.

As mentioned previously, the new seating platforms allow for more flexibility and options in the space. Memorial Hall is used for a variety of activities and the new equipment will be more accommodating for all that use the facility. Without the help of the grant, the work would not have been completed this year.



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## Summary of Costs for Memorial Hall

Item/Description	Work Done By	Cost
Seating	Business Interiors	\$ 32,220.64
	144 new upholstered seats with plastic arm caps and ganging connections. 8 dollies included for storage and transport. Chairs can be stacked 18 high.	
Staging/Seating Platforms	Stage Right	\$ 35,422.67
	Z-HD/ML seating riser system. Can be installed as a 5 row, 48 foot wide seating system with multiple other configurations. Storage carts are included for when bracing and decks are not needed.	
Pallet Jack Rental	Got That Rental and Sales	\$ 70.00
	Two pallet jacks were rented to move the new staging equipment into Memorial Hall. Each jack was rented for a full day at \$35/day.	
Floors	Tim Sampson	\$ 4,900.00
	The existing floors were sanded down. Holes in the floor were repaired in several locations. Three coats of a matte finished were used on the floor to reduce the glare from the stage lighting.	
Electrical	Hammond Electric	\$ 871.22
	Additional electrical wiring was placed along the Southeast wall of the building. All existing outlets were brought up to code and the state electrical permit was acquired.	
Painting (Hall)	Lafayette	\$ 5,875.00
	Removal and repainting of all interior walls within the main room of the hall. The existing colors of the hall were matched.	
Back boards for rails	Town of Essex	\$ 255.63
	Wood purchased to install the back rails on only a 3-tier riser system. This would ensure a safe connection to the platforms that would not allow for much movement of the rails.	
Deconstruction Costs	Town of Essex (Disposal at Interstate Waste Systems)	\$ 275.17
	Costs for the deconstruction of the old plywood staging platforms. The Town of Essex Highway Employees removed the seating and platforms and the associated cost was the charge incurred at the drop off location.	
Painting (Entranceway)	Essex Community Players	\$ 123.42
	The paint was purchased by the Town of Essex, but the Essex Community Players did the painting in the entranceway/ticket area of Memorial Hall.	
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>\$ 80,013.75</b>