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September 4, 2018

Inspector Mark Taylor
Franconia Fire Department
224 Main Street
Franconia, NH 03580

Re: Franconia Town Hall, 421 Main Street

Dear Inspector Taylor,

On May 8, 2018, at your request, I accompanied members of the Franconia Fire Department in conducting an inspection of the Franconia Town Hall. As a result of that inspection I offer the following:

Administration Office:

No emergency lighting in the foyer. Emergency lighting should be installed

Mezzanine level;

No emergency lighting in the mezzanine. Emergency lighting should be installed.

Assembly Hall:

The occupant load of the assembly hall is approximately 244 persons using a divisor of 7 square feet per person. Two means of egress are required for a place of assembly with an occupant load fewer than 500 people. (7.4.1.2) All extra doors marked as an exit must be maintained as an exit.

The interior finish in a place of assembly without an automatic sprinkler system must meet the requirements of Class A, B, or C. Verify that the interior finish meets these requirements (13.3.3.3)

Meeting Room:

No clearly defined exit and no emergency light. Exit sign and emergency light should be installed

Garage:

Extension cords being used in lieu of permanent wiring. Remove extension cord and install a sufficient number of wall outlets



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Garage cont.

The garage is beneath the assembly space. The assembly and garage (storage) occupancies must be separated by a minimum of a 2 hour fire resistive assembly. (6.1.14.1)

Basement:

The basement stair is unenclosed and leads directly to the foyer of the assembly space. The vertical opening must be enclosed.

For the purposes of this inspection the building was classified as a non-separated mixed use of type V construction.

I was also requested to look at the handicap ramp at the rear of the building. The ramp is in disrepair. Joist have separated and in some cases are barely resting on and in some cases not resting on support beams, compromising the structural integrity of the ramp.

All code references are from NFPA 101, 2015 edition. Please feel free to call me if you should have any questions.

Regards,

Ron Anstey, CFPS, CBO, CFI
Investigator