

**Stonehill Community
Ad Hoc Siding Committee
April 26, 2010**

Attending: Tom Hoffman, Jack Linden, Donna Slade, Darlene Conzett

Dan Baker, Masters Siding and Insulation, Inc. visited with the committee to answer questions about different siding possibilities. Following are highlights of the visit:

Hardie Plank:

- This is a cement board which is primed at the factory
- The siding can be painted (baked on) at the factory
- It should be sealed and the seams should be caulked immediately after installation
- It can be installed over Celotex
- It will need to be repainted periodically over the years
- The product is heavy; its application requires special knowledge and handling and is labor intensive
- It can realize greater damage from hail than other siding
- It is 1½ times more costly than other siding materials
- It is impervious to termites, woodpeckers, etc.

Vinyl, steel or aluminum:

- Completely maintenance-free
- Can be damaged by hail, but not as severely as cement board. (There is no hail-proof siding product)
- Can be replaced piecemeal, i.e., if damage occurs, the damaged area can be replaced with little impact to the entire building
- It is impervious to termites, woodpeckers, etc.

Smart Siding:

- This is a wood-based product
- Will eventually deteriorate

When asked to place the three product types in order based on their quality and durability, Mr. Baker rated the top three as:

1. Cement (however, all negatives must be considered, as well)
2. Vinyl, etc.
3. Smart Siding

The committee asked Mr. Baker to estimate the cost of siding three different sized buildings assuming a vinyl selection and factor in different product qualities. He will list separately items which would provide completely maintenance-free trim, soffits, etc. Mr. Baker will contact the committee when he has completed the estimate and we will meet with him for further discussion.

Mr. Baker provided the committee with a list of homes he has sided for our inspection. He also said the homeowners would be happy to talk with us.

Next meeting: TBA based on the availability of the estimates and the committee members.

Darlene Conzett, Committee Chair