

June 20, 2022

Minutes from Vershire Town Center Committee Meeting

Attendees: Reva, Ken, Susanne, Nick

Minutes By Susanne Gauthier

Meeting called to order by Reva at 7:08

Historical Society: Reva attended the meeting, They are not planning anything for Vershire Day, the room will be closed. They are planning their Annual Meeting in August.

VerShare: Reva attended the meeting. All discussions were regarding the VerShare Camp.

Village Center Designation needed to apply for grants: Both the Planning Committee and the Selectboard have agreed to proceed. TRORC and GMEC will need to be notified that we are interested. Selectboard will meet tomorrow and a letter will be sent to Two Rivers Ottawaquechee Regional Commission (TRORC)

Rec Committee: The end of school celebration was successful. The next event planned is a Movie Night on August 17th. An inflatable screen will be borrowed for the night and there are plans to have activities beforehand. They are also planning an end of summer celebration similar to the event in June to celebrate the end of the school year. Final date is yet to be determined.

Events: The original date suggested for the potluck is not available. New date was suggested for August 6th. Ideas for food for potluck were suggested, salads, breads, deserts. Ken suggested we have pizza as part of the potluck. All were agreed and Ken volunteered to organize training for the pizza over beforehand. Reva will check with the Selectboard about using the oven on the day of the Potluck.

Amanda's class was held but there were few attendees. She plans to continue but with a different less confusing class name

Nothing is planned until after Vershire day.

No music until grant funding options have been investigated.

Pavilion: Caro is working on design and costing.

Nick recommended David Markwood in East Randolph. Reva will follow up.

There are three grant options that might help with the costs. The Better Places will match up to \$20,000 and is dependent on the Town Center designation outlined above.

VORAC grant, State Building Grant with 50% match has a September deadline. The plan and estimated costs for the Pavilion need to be completed by the end of August this year.

Picnic Tables: Down payment for the picnic tables is required before work can begin. Reva will get funds from the Selectboard. Tables should be ready for Vershire day. Any sanding and finishing will be complete after the Vershire day celebration.

Vershire school murals: The four seasonal murals have been hung on the walls of the kitchen/dining room thanks to Marin Ward.

Building projects: Nick presented a thorough review of the building projects.

– Cupola and Roof: Nick met with Neil and inspected the cupola and roof. Everything looks good and no further work is needed now.

– Boiler exhaust: Neil suggested a cap on the exhaust pipe would help with condensation. The old Cast Iron sewer vent may need attention but it is not urgent.

– Attic stairway: Nick met with Gary to discuss building an attic stairway to the Historical Society storage area. Gary requested an enclosed stairway that could be locked. The height available for roof enclosure may be a problem. The fire marshal will need to be consulted. Reva will help Nick with the measurements and Nick will continue to research options.

– Rooflet over outside door may be difficult because of existing window frames etc. A snow breaker installed on the roof to prevent snow slides on the steps was discussed. Nick and Reva will follow-up with Selectboard.

– Storm windows. Reva mentioned that the existing storm windows are very difficult to install. Inside storm windows may still be an option. Nick and Reva will meet with Neil to do an inventory.

- Septic walk is yet to be scheduled.

– There was no news about outside lighting

Window Blanks: The town clerk has suggested we could use the blank wall space within the two windows blocked by the Historical Society.. The original window frames are available and could be used as part of the design.

Ideas for lighting and art work from the schools similar to the murals were discussed. Further discussion is planned.

At 8:30 PM Nick motioned to adjourn, Susanne seconded.