

Feb 2022 Minutes from Vershire Town Center Committee Meeting 2/21/2022

Attendees: Reva Seybolt, Nicole White-Fogarty, Nick Bennett, Ken Bushey, Susanne Gauthier

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM. Move to accept the minutes from January (Susanne), seconded (Nick).

Kareen will be an on-call member of the committee and will no longer attend meetings regularly.

Vershare meeting: This meeting concentrated on the upcoming Snow-shoe-a-thon. Vershare will be working with the Town Center Rec Committee on the day. The meal will be outside but location of the tables is yet to be determined.

Renovations:

Floor refinishing: Nicole received a bid from Brown's refinishing as a second bid. The bid was less than Valley Floors' but didn't include the work on the nails. So, the cost may not be better. Nick's experience with Brown's has been positive on the work, but he had some reservations about Brown's level of customer service. Valley Floors is probably the preferable contractor for this work. Nicole talked with the Vershire Historic Society about how the work might impact the historic preservation of the building. There are no issues with them about the proposed work.

Reva suggested we place the floor refurbishment as an article to the selectmen. Nicole motioned and Reva seconded. Nicole will request that it be on the ballot in May of 2023

Reva recommended we have the upstairs carpet cleaned when the kitchen carpet is done. Reva will measure the upstairs carpet before the next meeting and present the cost to the Selectboard. Reva motioned to accept this suggestion and Nick seconded.

Foundation skirt: No news on this work. Nick is still waiting to hear about the metal source for the skirting. Malcolm Ward and he have still not met. Nick mentioned that, as this work is only to improve the appearance of the building, it may not be as high a priority as other work we have planned.

Kitchen work: Diane Ward, Jean MacDonald, Ken Stella contributed to the survey Reva conducted about kitchen use and suggested improvements.

1. Large sink drain – This should be snaked by Jay's Sanitation in White River. Once the cost is determined Reva will discuss with the Selectboard.

2. Levels of Sulfur in hot water tank – Reva will investigate the best way to remove sulfur and when she knows more, we will discuss again. It was suggested by Efficiency Vermont that a new circulating pump may be required.
3. Kitchen needs a smoke exhaust system – Ken Stella and Reva will meet to discuss options.
4. Kitchen rental income was reviewed. From FY2017-2020: \$650.00 for FY2017 and \$550 for FY 2018. Subsequent years have been significantly less due to COVID.

Storm windows downstairs: Inside storm windows can be done next Fall when building indoor inserts begins again. Reva suggested this could possibly be a donation and will be discussed again closer to the time. Storm windows for the upstairs need to be located. Reva will check and we'll make sure they are installed next year. They were found.

Access ramp: The access ramp at the main entrance needs to be rebuilt. The ramp should be wider and the surface needs to be refurbished. A grant may be available for this work. Nick suggested that the work installing a small roof over the second entrance and installing a ramp for the second side door be included in the ADA grant submission.

Wall Hangings: Gary suggested hanging narrow cabinets to protect items on display might be the best for small items. Anything that might be damaged during summer camp can be removed at the time.

Picnic tables: Alfred Avery was suggested as a builder. Reva will contact him and get a quote. The hope is to replace at least 1 or 2 of the tables each year, until all have been updated or replaced.

Capital Budget:

From the recent survey it appeared that a pavilion / storage solution and the installation of a basketball hoop are both items that have been requested. The hoop has been purchased by the Vershire Town Recreation Committee, but now waits for repaving the parking lots. This work will be done in conjunction with the Town Office parking lots and the Selectboard are still waiting for a quote for the replacement.

Pavilion/storage: Ken Bush mentioned that the repairs completed in the fall on the small shed near the playground may be sufficient for storage. A motion was made by Reva and seconded by Nicole that the committee concentrate on the location and configuration of the Pavilion and that this work should be a priority for 2023.

Events: Susanne, Caro and Samantha Moffatt will meet in early March to discuss what will be needed to stage music events at the Vershire Town Center.

Book Club and Writers Club: Andi from Vershare will be organizing to start in April

Vershire Town Center History Timeline: Reva in beginning to put together the first draft of the Town Center history. To complete some of the dates she will need to go through the 1980's town reports. A final draft is planned for the spring and will be included in the VTCC page on the town website along with the video.

Rental agreement revisions: The revised rental agreement was handed to the Selectmen and will be reviewed.

There were no other discussions.

Nicole moved to close the meeting at 8:15 and Nicole seconded.