

March 21, 2022

Minutes from Vershire Town Center Committee Meeting

Attendees: Reva Seybolt, Susanne Gauthier, Ken Bushey, Caro Bick,
on Zoom (briefly) Nicole White-Fogarty

Minutes by Caro Bick.

Meeting called to order after reconnecting to the internet three times at 7:08
Caro moved to accept minutes from February 21
Susanne seconded

Reva brought up Vershare and Susanne commented that the Snow Shoe a-thon was a very big success.

We lost internet again and Nicole with it.

Vershire Day is the only thing on VerShare's agenda at this point before the Camp. There was a discussion about the fact that VerShare doesn't have the information they need to clean up after their events. According to Gene, because of the informal and historical relationship between the town and VerShare, the people involved never sign a VTC building contract so they aren't aware of the rules.

The trash did not get separated, which made for a nasty mess (compost in with trash) that Reva took care of.

Reva went over VTCC items discussed at the Select Board meeting

We got the OK to have the carpets cleaned.

The key box was forgotten and now the process has started again

Nick did a great job painting the bathrooms

Grants were discussed. It doesn't make sense to apply for any federal grant under \$50K because they are too complicated.

Reva cataloged and sorted all grants that are appropriate for us - see attachment to agenda

She commented that most grants need you to be in the totally planned and ready for action stage before you apply for them.

Our process should be that we narrow down exactly what we want and then have all our ducks in a row before we even start the process.

We need to talk with Nicole who is on the planning commission before we present to TROC

Reva reviewed her meetings with Neil and Wesley

The voters will decide on the hall floor renovation

We found that the kitchen renovation could be made simpler by adding a three bay sink and moving it, installing wall ovens, and going through the window with the fan for the cook top.. It was also decided this project is not a priority.

The cost of the additional storm windows to go over the existing ones would be \$680. There was a suggestion that the Windows Dressers who used the building last fall could perhaps

donate their time towards the storms for the Town Center.
The ditch issue is pushed forward until drier weather.. Reva will remind the Select Board.

The outside ramp into the main doors is compliant but needs to be re built as it moves in the winter with the frost. Apparently no concrete piers/sonotubes were used in the original construction.

According to Neil, there are two pipes in the roof that have no use and both leak. There are buckets in the attic to catch the drips. Who empties them? According to Gary, they were fixed. Reva to follow up. Meanwhile Caro can't sleep at night worrying about this. The East side cupola needs a carpenter to repair it.

The circulating pump will be dealt with at a later date.

Wesley said he was not willing to put a rooflet over the door. He says it would destroy the lines of the building.

We all agreed that quilts would be nice on the walls downstairs. We will brainstorm ways to come up with some.

Steve Avery is happy to build two picnic tables a year for us. He cannot get the hemlock for the tops at this time. He uses pressure treated for the legs and feels it is a bad idea to use PT on eating surfaces.

The sulphuric smell in the drains in the kitchen comes and goes. It mostly occurs when the drains haven't been used on a regular basis.

We are waiting for Jack Kruse to get the key box figured out. Per Gene.

Nick is going to build a list of maintenance needs for the building that can be submitted to the Select Board.

Reva will bring up the screen windows and storm windows exchange to the Select Board later in the Spring

Susanne told us that Dede (sp) Melvin was thrilled with the new cleaning accouterments.

Pavilion:

We are all excited about the idea of a pavilion. Reva and Caro will go tour other pavilions in the area. Reva has a list of five locations

We will then reach out to the community to see what interest there is.

Events:

Susanne reported on her meeting with Sam Moffat. Sam has a lot of experience with organizing and feels that there needs to be an actual organizer. Any music that might entice people to dance must be performed outdoors because of the frailty of the hall floor.

Musicians must be under a tent. There also needs to be a tent for older folks attending to get out of the sun or rain.

Ken is hoping to come up with a summer fundraiser for the rec committee. We will brainstorm. Perhaps a raffle or food event in August? Pizza? Food trucks?

We would like to explore music on Vershire Day. We will need to borrow Vershare's tents. Reva and Ken will suggest music to Laura Craft who is planning that event.

There was a discussion about the interface of the Recreation and Town Center Committees and how it might function better by joining together.

8:25 Ken moved to adjourn Susanne seconded