

Vershire Town Center Building Committee
Meeting - June 15, 2021, 7:00 pm

In attendance: Reva Seybolt, Caro Bick, Suzanne Gauthier, Nick Bennett, Nicole White-Fogarty, Tonya Gunn

Election of Officers:

Caro nominated Reva for Committee Chair, Suzanne 2nd - unanimous

Reva nominated Nicole for Vice-Chair, Caro 2nd - unanimous

Suzanne nominated Tonya for Secretary, Caro 2nd - unanimous

Reva discussed the frequency of meetings and suggested that starting out we may meet more frequently (as needed) but then get on a regular once per month schedule. All were in agreement.

All that were there agreed that they were fine with sharing google docs and were in agreement with the Committee's mission statement and description.

Tonya discussed plans for the Town Building work day to be held Sat. June 19th 8:00 - 12:00 and members shared what tools and supplies they could contribute. Nick is leading the wood pile cleanup and area around the pizza oven, Caro is leading the picnic table project, and Nicole the playground area.

Reva updated about the food shelf - that all the food would be moved to the newly built back shelves by this weekend.

Nicole shared that she looked at the official playground safety guidelines online and will be requesting that Gene print out a copy to be able to use on Saturday.

Tonya shared that Ethel mentioned at the last SB meeting that Kareen, as a VerShare board member, may be interested in being involved with the building committee. All members agreed that it would be good to see if Kareen would get involved as an unofficial member because we already have 7 members. Reva suggested that we can treat her as a full member except for voting. Tonya will reach out to her.

Suzanne offered to make sure that we post info at the post office in addition to online.

Nicole led the discussion about the building rental policies. Tonya will find out if the current insurance covers instructors or individuals who were to hold regular classes or even a single class or event. Caro, Nicole and Tonya will research other towns' policies before the next meeting. Nicole is going to write up a listing for the listserv to encourage townspeople to share their views about how they would like to see the building used and Suzanne will hang up a flyer with similar information at the post office. The committee brainstormed usage ideas such as:

yoga, meet and greets, community lunch, potlucks, book discussions, sip and paint, knitting groups, parent and child playgroups and more.

Nicole suggested we set up a table in the hall on Vershire Day and everyone agreed that would be a great idea. Tonya will make that request at the next SB meeting and ask the Recreation Committee if they would like to do the same.

Reva will head up the building's physical needs and read a list of needs that the committee has come up with including:

Add chips to playground

Replace and real repair picnic table

Outside storage?

Drainage

Get rid of shed

Granite stones and pedestal

Ramp

Organize/Clean Kitchen

Trash?

Reva asked that folks think about adding to this list on Saturday . At a future meeting, the committee will prioritize this list.

Reva brought up about being mindful of including people that don't use computers often or not at all. Tonya suggested that we could request money in next year's budget so that the Building Committee and perhaps the Rec Committee (if formed and willing) could put out a monthly or bimonthly newsletter.

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday June 29th at 7:00 pm to plan the Vershire Day table (if approved) and go over rental agreements and policies.