

October 16,2023

Minutes from the Vershire Town Center meeting

Meeting started at 7:10 because we went out and looked at all the dirt that Garry Thrasher moved and smoothed for the ramp and the skating rink.

Attendees: Reva Seybolt, Ken Bushey, Nick Bennet, and Caro

Bick Reva moved to accept the minutes and Nick seconded.

From the Select Board meeting:

Reva is going to weed whack the ditch because no one has volunteered even after she listed a plea on the list serv.

Reva is also going to talk with Tildon Electric about possible solutions for the lights being left on in the pavilion. We decided we don't want to control the lights inside the building at the breaker box.

The Energy Committee wants a Park & Ride sign in the parking lot. The Select Board is worried that if we make it official the State will have too much control over the area.

Reva has written up the new Rules of Procedure and Mission Statement for the VTCC to hand in to Gretchen. We discussed what she wrote and made a couple of small changes. We will not have open Zoom at our meetings unless specifically requested.

From the Rec Committee: Skating rink has the dirt (almost all) and is just about ready for the rink to be built by volunteers in November. Possibly on the 18th, if that is not the opening weekend for hunting.

The Harvest Festival was a great success. There was good attendance in spite of the weather. The Mountain School brought around fifty kids. There were some lessons learned and things will be more organized as far as monitoring fifty kids from the Mountain School.

There will be a Holiday event with Santa on December 9th from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. Nicole's father is Santa!

Planning Commission would like the VTCC to put our plans in written form into their Town Plan. Reva wrote up a great statement which we slightly amended and approved.

No update from the Energy Committee. We are coordinating their blower test with the time we decide to put the window inserts in so they can do a before and after. Nick tentatively agreed to any Thursday/Friday after 3:00 or any Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday after 4:30. We believe that Pat Barnes is doing it for free. Ken said that MERP is also doing a blower test in the building because the town is applying for a \$500,000 energy grant.

News from Vershare: Alice Craft would like to make a teen center at Vershare in the

kitchen/dining room area. They plan is take down the wallpaper, paint, and get some comfy couches and chairs! November 25 is giving Tuesday
Tonia and Aaron are planning a Holiday Fair
Vershare wants to have their annual meeting at the Town Center on January 19th. Pot Luck

Pavilion- Reva is waiting for our Expenses and Final Income. And then she can finish the Better Places report. With money that is left in the pot we would like to do something for Vershare.

Andy Wasserman offered us a Steinway Baby Grand Piano but we decided it wasn't in the piano's best interest and declined as we would not really use it.
Caro will contact the Piano Guy who intended to play a concert in every town in Vermont to see if he still wants to come.

Nick is NOT interested in building the pipe handrail along the exterior wall but he IS still willing to build shelving for the long wall inside the building. (Carpenter, not Pipefitter). Reva has sent out a couple of requests for volunteers to sand and varnish the new picnic tables but no replies so far.

The wood chips are gone thanks to Ken

Caro spoke with Laura the calligrapher and she is getting started on the Quilt project. Next year we would like to fix the ditch around the playground so the water doesn't rush through the playground and carry the chips away.

Nicole would like to have a sandbox within the circle of giant rocks for next summer. We need to figure out how to get the sand delivered.

We voted yes to have Wesley climb up on the roof and reattach the bell rope. Then we will figure out how to cleat the rope so little hands can't grab and pull. Reva will ask Jack Kruse (SP) to make signs for the First Aid Kit and closets. We discussed that we could go online and find official signage and print them out and laminate them.

Caro made three signs with the wifi password to go in the windows of the Town Center so people can use the wifi for free.

Next VTCC meeting will be focussing on our budget. We have learned that it is really important to project realistic numbers for realistic projects so that we don't end up robbing Peter to pay Paul within our own budget projections. We touched on a few things to go in the Budget next year: The Curtain*, the kitchen renovation (we need some estimates from plumbers) (Ben at Brocklebank) < electricians (Tildon) HVAC (Chad Ward) in order to get started with Tom Dubois.

*The Curtain is a priority and it needs restoration.

The next Board Meeting (NEXT Tuesday) will be about the school proposals that Rivendell has proposed.

8:48 Ken moved to adjourn and Nick seconded.