

Vershire Town Center Committee Meeting Notes - November 18th, 2024

In attendance: Kathy Hooke, Nick Bennett, Ken Bushey, Nicole White-Fogarty, Reva Seybolt, Caro Bick.

Meeting opened at 7:04 Notes by Caro Bick

Kathy spoke about grants she has been writing. She was awarded a grant from AARP For \$4000 which we can use to have fun classes in the Town Center building. Some of those include Yoga, Zumba, Exercise... She then spoke about a grant she is applying for trails on the Town Center land, which she hopes will then attach to other local trails off the property. In 1999, Vershire received a grant for John Morton to design a trail on the Town Center land. It was roughly built but needs serious improvement. The new grant she is applying for offers \$50,000 with a 20% local match which can include the Byrne Foundation money and in kind.

She will apply to the Byrne Foundation for money (\$6,000) to rehire John Morton or another trail designer (possibly Russ Hirschler from the Upper Valley Trails Association) to move forward with a more comprehensive trail design. Kathy is hoping that this trail will eventually tie in to all the trail systems that run in this area, from Rivendell on.

Reva asked if the ADA ramp could perhaps be a part of the grant and Kathy said possibly... Kathy asked our committee to write a letter of support to the Vermont's Recreational Trail Program for the Grant when the time comes. We agreed.

Kathy departed.

Reva moved to accept the minutes from the October 21st meeting. Ken seconded the motion.

BoS meetings report:

Nicole spoke briefly about Kathy's Trail Grant. she was pleased that Kathy came to this meeting to update the Town Center Committee.

Rec Committee report:

Ken informed us that the skating rink will be filled on November 30th

We are going ahead with Game Night starting the first Wednesday in December.

Energy Committee :

The MERP Grant came through for the Town Garage property to erect Solar panels. It is a \$47,000 grant! The system will provide electricity to the Town Garage, the Town Center Building and The Town Offices.

The Energy Committee feels that \$500.00 for the insulated curtains from Amazon is enough with the window inserts. The VTCC will be paying for this.

Vershare:

We decided to let go of getting a toilet seat cover for the upstairs bathroom from Camp.

VTCC V Budget:

Nick has been working on the VTCC Budget which we hope to get approved at the next Board of Selectmen meeting. Reva accurate figures on house cleaning and mowing for the past year which are needed to finish the budget. We went through all the line items and the 5 increase coming up with a tentative figure of \$55,567.00 which includes painting the entire building, shutters, cupola and all. We had three bids on the job.

We also discussed the 30 Hours of volunteer time for spring clean up,
See budget: FY'26 in last tab.

✚ VTCC Proposed Vershire Town Center Budget F'23 - F'26

At 8:24 Nicole moved to adjourn and Ken seconded the motion
Ta Da!