

Fairfield Grantwriter Committee June 7, DRAFT Minutes

6:10 p.m.

Attendees: Barry, Amanda, Denise, Nance, Kristen, and the Broadreach team.

Part One – meeting with Broadreach key players – Jim Donovan, etc. (see Denise's notes) for sidewalk feasibility study.

Confirm goals of the project: Jim: project is called the Sidewalk Scoping Project – but Jim sees it more as the best way to improve mobility overall – which may not in all cases, be a sidewalk. How to tie in with others trails, class 4 roads, the rec. trail around the school/library, ancient roads, rail trail, etc.

Primary study area would be the areas in our proposal, but look at the areas north and west to see how to connect the villages.

Public work sessions 1.) discuss existing options, 2.) alternatives/ideas; narrow down options, and 3.) present a draft before finalizing,...could have a 4th session to make a proposal to selectmen. Could have other meetings for special groups in between these 3. Kids? Senior Lunch? High schoolers? General townsfolk.

1st Work Session – Mid-July (steering committee - BR comes to us to tell us all the existing conditions, we'll discuss.)

2nd Work Session – also July (Smaller team works on alternatives)

2nd PUBLIC session (Present alternatives to larger group)

3rd Work Session – possibly September

Steering Committee Meetings – 8 in between other meetings. Tentatively Mondays at 6?

Looking at this for all residents – but mostly seniors/kids/daycare sites. Shared use: bikes/strollers/pedestrians/

Amanda reminded Jim that we're looking at a 4-way stop possibility with the state. Also Sewer Feasibility Study...

Kristen asked about whether there'll be a central depot for information for folks to look at as we go along. Jim would like to see reports, maps, figures, text, notices posted, etc. He'll send to Amanda, and we can decide what to do with them.

Other considerations: historical buildings. Toxic waste sites (old gas stations).

BR would welcome site maps for major buildings, road project numbers (Jim Smith will research this), old photos, etc.

Tonight's meeting's notes will be compiled by Nan and Denise and then we'll send to Jim. On the other meetings, Denise will bring her computer and take notes...

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Sewer Feasibility Study: Amanda working on address list for A&E. Talked to Sally about pond Association - survey will go out, next meeting with the public will be June 21st. Survey results will be back in July. Amanda will call to see if we can reschedule for Wed. June 22 so that everyone can come.

Agriculture - RBEG grant submitted, requesting \$50,000 – we got \$3000 in matching grant monies.

Update on yourfarmstand.com – 16 ordered the first week. 70 buyers signed up, not everyone's buying yet. Amanda went over her paypal limit and it wouldn't let her put anything else in her cart. She felt there should be a link directly back to paypal to put more money in the account. Barry brought up the idea of adding other things for sale. (Knitting, handicraft, etc.) Kristen would like to run it as is for a year...and then maybe begin to add stuff.

\$1200 from NOFA for advertising, and laptop for online farmers market.

Fire Station funds finally released – The fire people want bunker gear – approx. \$1600 per person. Denise will be attending

School Gym Capitol Campaign – Mike Malone is still trying to figure out what the costs will be. Barry explained that the "committee" for fundraising really isn't formed yet...but a small group of residents are interested in this.

Mike and Denise discussed doing the project in phases. Denise suggested not building the gym without at least thinking about the kitchen...it would be short-sighted not to.

LVRT – Denise met with Megan Smith – this is on her radar. Vast is going ahead with the act 250 process. Megan wants to start planning community fundraising in individual towns for non-motorized use. Look for advocates – Rosealie LaPelletier?

Extended Learning and Summer Grant – Nance to go to meeting tomorrow (6/8)

United Way – still embargoed...need to meet with them again.

Recreation Grant – John B. has done some repairs to the backdrop in East Fairfield, that's the only invoice that's come in so far.

Trails Grant \$19,500 – postponing work until next fall..so we can coordinate with sidewalk plans, etc.

We have 4 road grants at the moment that are in the works.

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