

GWC Meeting – Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Attendees: Amanda, Greg, Greta, Julie, Kristen, Nance, Jim Cameron, Denise, Mike

Convene Meeting – 6:40

Grant Writer Report: (Denise)

~ Met w/ Pomerleau to talk about the solar project for roof of school/community center. He looked at Ben Gordesky's report (funded by the Clean Energy Fund), and thinks it's infeasible if we're looking at only loans, but if we could get grants it might be feasible. Tax credits are only for for-profit businesses - \$100,000 – It might be possible to lease the panels from a developer to put on the roof – “rent out” the roof in other words. There are incentives/grants available – see Earthbound Services, LLC report.

~ Transportation Enhancement Grant – we didn't get it. Our proposal was too small for the TE grant, but we've reapplied through the Rec. Trails grant. He said if we had sidewalks already in place, or in the works, we might have had a better chance. He suggested the Safe Routes to School, (program run by Greta's office) She couldn't think of why we wouldn't be eligible. Talk to Bethany (Amy Pope – maybe from VTrans?)

We have a Sidewalks Feasibility study in the works. RFP out in March

~ Sewer RFP,

Jim Cameron attended a Franklin Selectboard meeting on the subject of Franklins proposal. They are at approximately the same place in their proposal stage. He suggests perhaps we think about submitting RFPs with Franklin...might save the state some money, might save us some money. Do the 2 groups want to RFP together? They're about 2 months behind us...advantage of combining the submissions is we'd get better competitive bids theroretically. But what happens if the two towns can't agree on which firms to interview, go further with?

Why aren't we looking at the pond as part of the study? Do we have year round residencies on the pond? If we decide to study F'ield Pond, can we make an amendment to add this part of town? We're doing the study once, we might as well have this information...Greg will talk to the selectmen at next meeting.

Jim will talk to the Franklin group and see if they are interested. Denise is revisiting her RFP to compare to others that have come in as samples.

~ Summer and Extended Learning Opportunities through Sanders/DOE – Denise, Kristen and Nance submitted a proposal for \$50,000 on Friday Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> to fund camp weeks, kids-in-the-kitchen, plus 4 new programs for kids and teens to be offered throughout the year at either the Center or the Library.

~ Cliff and Libri grants for library books.

~ Met with John Baxter to discuss the \$10,000 Recreation Grant. It was decided to spend the money as follows:

1. Repair and level both baseball fields - estimated at \$4500
2. Complete fencing on the East Fairfield baseball diamond - estimated at \$5000
3. Fix the existing bleachers in East Fairfield - estimated at \$500
4. Remove the swingset and slide in Town Common in east Fairfield and replace with garden, a new sign and picnic tables - estimated at \$1500 (Amanda to discuss at next selectboard meeting.)
5. Purchase a temporary fence for the soccer field in Fairfield Center - estimated at \$500.
6. Purchase new painting equipment for lines for East Fairfield and Fairfield school fields - estimated at \$500.
7. Install new drainage and paving for basketball courts - estimated at \$10,100. (this figure doesn't seem right...)

Total cost for projects = 22,600. The grant requires a cash match of 100% of which 25% can be in-kind

~ Americorps: Jim's watershed group has a volunteer that works 18 hours a week for 11 months. Needs supervision. Joan Meesik – Montpelier. Maybe for next year, we come up with a job description. Figure out where we could most use the help - possibly a rec. coordinator position?

~ Garden Grants are due within the next couple weeks. Welchs' Grant, Burlington Gardens. (Lorelei feeding info to Denise. Outdoor Classroom interested.) Has to be 2500 sq. ft. and less than ½ mile from school.

~ TRAIL MAP:

Ancient Roads Map? Do we have these? Could these be put onto the trails map? The purpose of this map is to come up with a plan for a network of trails for the "big plan" - Maybe post at town meeting for people to comment on. We'd like to get the ancient roads coordinates on it first.

Adjourn: 8:15. Next meeting 3/7 at 6:30  
Submitted by Nance Shaw