

FAIRFIELD GRANT WRITER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 7/6/2015

Meeting began at 1:15pm

In attendance: Melanie Riddle, Amanda Forbes, Mike Malone, Sarah Montgomery

- Discussion about who should be researching grants since Tim (town grant writer) is not actively seeking opportunities. He is willing to put them together but needs to be given a specific direction. Discussion about the need for all committee members to be able to research grants to give to Tim to write.
- Mike voiced concerns over being able to communicate with Tim about school grant needs. Teachers are writing their own grants for school projects, so the school is not utilizing the grant writer much. Mike suggested that we have someone else represent the school in grant writer meetings (not a school board member).
- Update on sidewalk project. There is money for Fairfield sidewalk project that will be used in conjunction with education through Safe Routes to School.
- We all discussed our individual priorities for the GWC. Amanda listed her priorities as Sidewalks in East Fairfield, the Pond projects, and Common School Renovations. We discussed what should be done about the old Town Clerk's office which has been empty for years. Mike's priorities for the school remained the same (Kitchen and Gym expansion, Technology Upgrades). Also added the desire for ADA accessibility. Sarah mentioned priorities as afterschool programming and technology. Melanie mentioned that we should focus on the larger scale projects that we have on our list and individual institutions can focus on smaller projects. These projects would include Municipal Projects, School Projects, Recreation, and Community resources.
- Who are the members of the Grant Writer Committee? Melanie Riddle, Amanda Forbes, Sarah Montgomery, Mike Malone... Who else? The committee members agreed that this is something that needs to be made official.
- Discussion about time of GWC meeting. Decided to stick with 1:00pm.

Next meeting will be Monday, August 3rd at 1pm.

Meeting adjourned at 2:10pm.