

FAIRFIELD GRANT WRITER COMMITTEE MEETINGS MINUTES 11/3/15

Meeting began at 6:05pm

In Attendance: Melanie Riddle, Amanda Forbes, Sarah Montgomery, Martin Hornick, Mike Malone

Previous meeting minutes approved – motion by AF seconded by MH

Old business follow-up:

Grant Database Subscription: Melanie has been using Grantmatch at the community center and likes it better than the previous database we were looking at. The committee will subscribe to grantmatch for a year for \$199.

New Business:

Confirmation of committee members: Amanda Forbes, Sarah Montgomery, Martin Hornick, Mike Malone. Mike will work to find someone else from the school to work with him on the committee. Melanie will see if someone would like to represent the community center since she is no longer a committee member. Amanda will bring new list of committee members to the selectboard and will ask them if they would like to come to a quarterly meeting. We will continue to keep them updated by e-mail.

Decision about who will be the chair of the committee: We unanimously voted for Amanda Forbes as our new committee chair.

Decision about the pay rate for our new grant writer, Melanie Riddle:

Committee entered into executive session to discuss pay rate. Upon returning from executive session, AF made motion to start Melanie Riddle at \$18/hour with the selectboard's approval. MH seconded.

Grant updates:

Town:

Transportation Alternatives program – grant for salt and sand shed. Asked for 300k which was the maximum you could ask for. The town would have to put in 75k for a match if they got the grant. Have been getting letters of support for this.

Eco Systems restoration grant (from ANR)– town applied for grant for a study, not construction, for the land around where the salt and sand shed will be.

FCC:

VT community Foundation – received a grant to replace doors. Last year pipes froze due to doors not closing.

Also looking at some others. Need funding for senior meal program – lost funding that they were using. Need about \$1,400/month. Money that they now have for it will run out around February. Mike suggested looking at USDA. Melanie said that they already use this funding source for the foodshelf. Melanie feels confident that they will find a way to continue the meal program with a grant but needs to do some further research.

Library:

Still using United Way grant for afterschool programming. Received small grant to help offset interlibrary loan postage.

Recreation:

Would like to see something that could be used to add woodchips to the school playground. This would make it more accessible and much softer. Would probably cost around \$3,500. Mike said that there might be money in the playground fund at the school if we can't find a grant for it. The PTO would have to access this money because it was a PTO subcommittee. Marty will have this conversation with Brenda Goodhue or John Baxter. Amanda noted that "State of Vermont Building and General Services" often has good grants for projects like this.

When does the recreation committee meet? Can send letter to selectboard if anyone wants to be on the rec committee.

Amanda would still like to look for money for a pavilion as was previously suggested by Bridget Rivet.

School:

Mike brought up "boulder project" that students from the school talked about to prevent people from driving on the soccer field. This discussion happened a few years ago but nothing ever came of it. Mike thought that this was originally brought up to the selectboard but would like to explore this idea again.

Mike would like to see a grant for technology in the school. Need to renovate 2 classrooms.

Agenda Items for next meeting: Will add list of ongoing grants to the next agenda, including grants that we have received, and grants that we have applied for.

Next meeting: February 1, 2015 @ 6pm.

Meeting Adjourned 8pm