

GWC Minutes
May 2, 2016

In Attendance: Amanda Forbes, Sarah Montgomery, Melanie Riddle

Called to order at 6:15

Agenda Approved

Previous Meeting minutes approved

Visitors: None

Grant Updates (grants that are being implemented):

- United Way - We are currently in the last period of the year for our current grant. Melanie will be going to United Way meeting to find out when applications are due and what is going on with the next funding cycle.
- Salt and Sand Shed - Amanda put RPF out. They found a design and engineer consultant. State project manager said we will probably be able to do it next summer/spring. Tomorrow is kickoff meeting with consultant, state, Amanda, and Norman Menard. Also put another grant in for eco-system restoration - to build some kind of retaining wall around the area.
- Recreation Grant - Building and General Services Recreation grant. Amanda just received final invoice so she will be able to close out that grant soon. The next round for that grant will be in the fall. We may be able to apply for this grant again to try to get a pavillion (an item that has been on own wish list). Amanda will talk to Bridget Rivet about this to get more details about what she originally had in mind when she came up with this idea.
- Sidewalks- Amanda contacted state and engineers asking why we have been behind on our project schedule. They said they should be back on track now. The engineers came and visited with the selectboard last week to discuss the project.

Outstanding Grants (grants that are in the application process):

- Canaday - accepted letter of interest and asked for a full proposal. These grants would be for programming for the community center and library. Melanie also applied through the Tarrant Foundation to see if we could get a programming director to share between the library and community center. Amanda suggested that we might want to get the recreation department involved in this proposal as well.

Note: It would be great to revitalize the recreation department.

Wish List:

- Pavilion - Will look into Building and General Services Recreation Grant to see if it would work for this as their next funding cycle approaches.
- New Library Computers - Melanie is finding some grants related to technology that will help non-profits. She is finding this to be more difficult for municipalities or public libraries. She will look into seeing if we can somehow use the library's Friend groups' 5013c to go through so the library would qualify as a non-profit.
- Field Space for ball fields - Fields we currently have - one baseball field by the school. Also use the side for a soccer field. East Fairfield fields. Melanie will talk to John Baxter to see if he thinks there is a need for more field space. There also may currently be land

for sale by John Soule that might be ideal for this purpose. Melanie will contact him to find out if it is available and what the cost would be if it is.

- Economic Development - Need to find someone to buy Esdens! Also still have the old town clerk's office that has been empty for years.

Old Business (Follow-Up):

Parking Lot:

- School Kit-gym-teria Update
- Master Trails - Would need to buy land from somebody to connect villages.
- Sewer Update
- School Solar - something is being put into place
 - Note - town is putting solar panels on the garage and firestation through suncommon solar.
- LVRT - Lamoille Valley Rail Trail
- Safe Routes To School Infrastructure Projects

New Business:

Agenda items for next meeting:

- E-mail Sarah with any new items/ grant opportunities that we want to discuss at our next meeting.

Meeting Ended: 6:55pm

Next Meeting:

August 1, at 6pm