

Fairfield GWC Meeting Minutes (Draft)
Saturday, April 9, 2011

Attendees: Amanda, Kristen, Barry, Mike, Denise, Greg, Jim Cameron, Nance



1:30 – 3:00 Sewer Feasibility Study:

We have 6 proposals in front of us. How do we narrow down to two or three to recommend to the selectboard?

Jim feels we need to take them home and study them. No way to read all these today and be able to make a smart decision.

However, we went through them all quickly and picked three to recommend to the Selectmen for interviews: Dubois & King, Stone, and Aldrich & Elliot. We are in hopes that we can conduct interviews on Monday the 18th, at 3,4, and 5:00. Amanda will contact firms to set up interviews. Denise will make some reference checks in the meantime. If we weed out 1 or 2 of these three initial choices, we can continue with interviews for the others.



Ag Committee: 3:00-4:00

Denise says there is USDA money out there for collaborative food system projects. She can have someone from USDA come and talk about this at our next meeting (May 2nd) if we're all in agreement that this is a direction we want to pursue. This could be a public meeting – for anyone who's interested.



Amanda noted that the Selectmen received a letter from the Bakersfield United Church group, saying they were going to sell the white church in East Fairfield, and asking whether the town was interested in it. The Selectmen voted "No, thanks, they were not interested." Later, I heard that if the building were being GIVEN to the town, and someone had "a PLAN" to sustain the building, MAYBE they'd be interested in it.

We then all trooped over to look at the building. Those who had not seen it yet were duly impressed with the space, the condition of the building and the possibilities...so perhaps a "next step" might be to contact the church group and explain the selectboard's reaction to their letter, and suggest that 1.) the town might be interested if it were free, or 2.) that there might be a group of individuals interested in preserving the building and incorporating it into our future plans independently of the town– this is an important historic building, and should be preserved!

Adjourned: 4:00. Next meeting: April 13th at 4 p.m. at town office to narrow down sidewalk feasibility proposals. Bring something to eat to share! Then on May 2 at 6:30 for regular meeting at Town Office.