

GWC Agenda
July 11th, 2018
1:00 pm

Call to order: 1:00pm

Approval of agenda: Approved

In Attendance: Amanda Forbes, Melanie Riddle, Julie Wolcott, Sarah Montgomery, Nance Shaw

Approval of previous meeting minutes: SM, NS

Grant Updates (grants that are being implemented):

- Vermont Community Foundation -
 - Grant for processing at community kitchen. FCC has used some of the funds received and will continue to use it for processing garden food/ gleaned food this summer.
 - May want to do something more with this grant in the future to update the park area by the community center. Benches, trails, etc. Could also apply for state building and general services or recreation grant for this idea. Still need to flush this idea out a bit before we can apply for a grant for it. Gather village support and have a few meetings to see what community members might want to do. Will keep this in mind for next year's funding cycle for these state grants.
- Vermont Arts Council
 - Meeting House Grant. Work is currently being done. Things are on schedule. Should be mostly finished by the day of the Jig in the Valley (end of July).
- United Way
 - Currently spending remainder of funds. Applied for next funding cycle but were not invited to move on.
- RiseVT
 - FCC received \$2,000 for "Get out and Play" playground. Will use funds for sandbox, sand, and sand toys.
 - Julie Wolcott also received \$1,500 grant for creating Quests throughout Fairfield.
- Salt and Sand Shed
 - Selectboard decided against using the state grant for construction on the sand shed since the requirements of the grant would increase the cost of the project significantly. The state did still pay for 80% of the planning costs. Project should be finished in about a month.
- Sidewalk Grant
 - Currently in the right of way phase. Waiting for wetlands permit because there are wetlands in the area. Amanda is currently drafting the easements. Hoping that construction will happen in 2018.
- State Grants - Building and General Service and Recreation Grants.
 - For this grant cycle, we are applying for this grant for picnic tables throughout town, field improvements in the center, and mulch for east fairfield playground. For the following grant cycle, we will hopefully have formulated a better plan for the East Fairfield park update (see Vermont Community Foundation above) and will apply for funds for that.

- Merchants Bank Foundation
 - Remove from agenda. Money has been spent on tiling/ shelving/ food at the community center.
- USDA Farm to School
 - Remove from agenda. Finished.

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

- Building and General Services and Recreation Grant - Due July 31st (picnic table project mentioned above).
- National Life Group Foundation - applied, waiting to hear back. For FCC kitchen.
- TD Charitable Bank Foundation applied, waiting to hear back. For FCC kitchen. For \$7,500.
- Wyndham Foundation - applied, waiting to hear back. For FCC kitchen.
- Perrigo - applied, waiting to hear back. For FCC kitchen.
- Canaday - Similar to what we had received from United Way. Application was denied.
- Lowe's Toolbox for Education - security updates for school. Application was denied.
- Cliff Bar Family Foundation - Application was denied. For FCC kitchen.
- Tarrant Foundation - REQUESTED \$10,000 for out of school programming for FCC. Received \$7,500.
- Agnus M. Lindsey Foundation - Received \$3,000 for FCC camp scholarships.
- Ben & Jerry's Foundation - Received \$3,000 for FCC youth programming. Some is also being used for camp scholarships.
- Key Bank Foundation - Applied by did not receive.
- National Life Foundation - Applied; waiting to hear back. Kitchen renovation.
- Vermont Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - Applied; waiting to hear back. For generator between the fire department and the garage. Should know by the end the month.
- EBKHN - For out of school youth programming. Initial request for \$10,000.
- Big Lots Foundation - Requested \$5,000 for hot meals (senior meals) and food shelf support. Waiting to hear back.
- Doyle Foundation - Requested \$10,000 for senior meals. Everything is submitted and we are waiting to hear back.

Wish List:

- Pavilion/ **Outdoor Classroom** - Jaime is working on a similar idea for an "outdoor classroom". Sarah will email her to ask her to send more info about this idea to the group.
- New Library Computers/ Teen room furniture - Tricky because many grant opportunities like this are for non-profits. Can we use BNML Friends group to apply for grants that are applicable only for non-profits?
- Field Space for ball fields - Melanie has been working to be in contact with someone about this. Not having much luck.
- Economic Development - Increase tax base. Planning and Zoning is revising bylaws currently so if anyone is interested in growth in the town this is a great time to let them know.
- [Updated Project List](#)
- More representation at GWC meetings

- Nance knows a few people who might be interested and will invite them to the next meeting.
- School representation. Would love to have representation. Julie will contact Sean O'dell, Jaime Tibbits, Michael Malone.
- Recreation trail maintenance
 - Contract with Vermont Offenders who can provide labor at a very low cost to help with the trails.
 - Someone volunteered to do maintenance on it last year (name in past minutes) and would be willing to do this yearly.
 - Potential project for local Boy Scouts (if we have a local group).
- Playground for Preschoolers
 - Amanda asked a parent from the school for an estimate for what they would like to have installed. She will also pass along information about Marty Hornick to see if he can help with the project.
- Cemeteries
 - Cemetery Association has regular annual meetings. Dick Howrigan is the current cemetery commissioner. Vermont Association Old Cemetery Grant has some money that could be used for a cemetery project. We have applied for in the past. They will match double what you contribute. We do currently have money in the cemetery fund but we really need someone willing to volunteer to coordinate a project in order to use the money.
- Outdoor Classroom Space
 - We will request that Jaime share more information.

Old Business (Follow-Up):

Parking Lot:

- Master Trails
- Pond/ Beach - Remove from Agenda.

New Business:

- Community Strategic Planning
 - Discussion about hosting "open house" type meeting to give information to community/ get ideas from community in relation to our grant writing committee and what we do. All current members can work on coming up with ideas before next meeting! Aim for early November for a meeting that will be open to the public.
- Amanda provided our updated project list which serves as a "guiding document for grant research and application." Link to project list is provided above.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- GWC Open House
- Potential new committee members

Meeting Adjourned: 2:20pm

Next Meeting: Tues. Oct. 9th 1pm