

GWC Minutes
April 3rd, 2018

Call to order- 6:04pm

In Attendance: Nance Shaw, Melanie Riddle, Sarah Montgomery

Approval of previous meeting minutes: NS, SM

Grant Updates (grants that are being implemented):

- Vermont Community Foundation: \$2,000 for garden stuff in spring community center. Started planning and will work more on it once spring comes. Will not be able to do stone patio as originally planned.
- Vermont Arts Council: Entrance and new wheelchair ramp for the meeting house. Building committee had been working to make some decisions. Received a 5 month grant extension to complete project.
- United Way: Did not receive funding for next grant cycle. Have not heard from them yet to determine when reports will be due.
- RiseVT: New grant application is currently open. Ideas: Additions/ improvements to playgrounds at FCC. New sandbox. Last RiseVT grant that FCC received was for kitchen supplies/ processing food.
- Salt and Sand Shed: In progress.
- Sidewalk Grant: In progress.
- Recreation Trail: Working to maintain trails through various organizations.
- Merchants Bank Foundation: Has been finished for a while. FCC replaced floors and shelves.
- USDA Farm to School: Milk cooler. The school just received money and will be purchasing the cooler soon.

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

- Interconnection Grant: No longer accepting applications.
- Building Communities Grant: Recreation grant that we will apply for when cycle opens up again. Wood chips, picnic tables, and possibly ball fields. Melanie is hoping to hear from someone representing the recreation department to see if this is a project that they are interested in.
- Wyndham Foundation; Will be due mid-May; will apply for funds for a project at the meeting house, possibly painting. Nance will work to finalize this idea.
- USDA Farm to School/ Farm to Daycare: Applied. Not advancing. Local food for FCS. FCC, BNML.
- Canaday - Letter of intent was sent in January. Requested \$10,000/year for three years for youth programming at the community center. Deadline was Feb. 1st, so we should know soon if we are being asked to advance.
- Lowe's Toolbox for education - Requested \$5,000 for security for school.
- Cliff Bar Family Foundation: Requested \$7,000 for FCC general operating support focused on youth.

- Tarrant Foundation - Requested \$10,000: FCC Children's programs; camps.
- Agnus M. Lindsey Foundation - Camp scholarships for FCC. Update: Received!
- Ben & Jerry's Foundation - Youth programming at FCC - Food, fun, and farming.
 - United Way - website. Can put in needs for volunteers.
- Key Bank Foundation - Kitchen at FCC
- National Life Foundation - Kitchen at FCC
- Vermont Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - To replace generator at fire stations and town garage. Melanie is waiting on quote and will be able to finalize just before the deadline.
- Other Discussion:
 - Department of housing and Community Development - Might have available funding for the community center building updates.
 - Healthy Roots is not renewing lease for cold storage. Offered to give FCC freezer.

Wish List:

- Pavilion
- New Library Computers/ Teen room furniture
- Field Space for ball fields
- Economic Development
- [Updated Project List](#)
- More representation at GWC meetings; post something on FPF?
- Recreation trail maintenance
- Playground for Preschoolers
- Cemeteries - \$500 grant may be available through state for cemetery maintenance.

Old Business (Follow-Up):

Parking Lot:

- Master Trails
- Pond/Beach

New Business:

- New GWC representation - Sarah and Nance will meet to discuss how we might reach out to more community members.
- GWC Protocol and Priorities - Do we have any official documents? Discussed sending ideas to the GWC group as a whole before asking Melanie to work on specific projects.

Agenda items for next meeting:

- Updates on outstanding grants.
- Reporting on community strategic planning.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday, July 10th @ 1pm or 6pm

