

GWC Minutes
Tuesday, October 9th, 2018
1:00 pm

In Attendance: Melanie Riddle, Amanda Forbes, Sarah Montgomery, Becky Cassell

Call to order: 1:12pm

Approval of agenda: Approved.

Visitors: Jim Cameron

Jim is an East Fairfield resident who is attending our grant writing meeting to visit and learn what we are doing around grants in our town. He does volunteer work with Enosburg on the "Enosburg Initiative" and is interested in establishing a grant writing/ economic development position in Enosburg. He is interested in collaboration on economic development (through tourism and recreation) on a county wide level.

Approval of previous meeting minutes: AM/ SM

Grant Updates (grants that are being implemented):

- Vermont Community Foundation - Community Center. Nance Shaw may be able to provide update.
- Vermont Arts Council - Meeting House update. Work is complete for the grant funds. Still waiting for reimbursement from grantor. All worked out very well. Remove from agenda.
- United Way - Library currently spending last of money. Remove from agenda.
- RiseVT - Current Grant; \$2,000 for "get out and play" playground at the center. Work waiting to be done.
- Salt and Sand Shed - wrapped up last week. Selectboard ended up refusing the grant funds and was able to complete the project for much less.
- Sidewalk Grant - Drafting easements which are currently being reviewed by an attorney. Will hopefully move forward with construction in spring. From vtrans bicycling and pedestrians grant.
- State Grants - Building and General Service and Recreation Grants. Received \$10,000 for field updates. Should apply for this every year since we always have projects this could be used for.

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

- Building Communities Grant - remove from agenda. Same as building and general service grant.
- Wyndham Foundation - Never applied for. Another round is coming up but community center will need to discuss if they want to move forward with requests for funds for this same kitchen project.

- Tarrant Foundation - Requested 10k for out-of-school youth programming at the community center. Received \$7,500.
- Agnus M. Lindsey Foundation - Received funds for camperships at FCC. Was used. Still need to submit end of season report.
- Ben & Jerry's Foundation - Received \$3,000 for summer programming at FCC. Was used. Needs to submit end of season report still.
- National Life Foundation - For FCC Kitchen. Turned down.
- Vermont Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - For generator by town garage/ fire station. Denied for this session but can apply again for next cycle. Will resubmit Oct. 26th. A similar one is due in January.
- TD Charitable Bank Foundation - Was for FCC kitchen. Applied .Turned down.
- Perrigo - FCC Kitchen. Should hear back from soon.
- EBKHN - Out of school youth programming. Did not progress.
- Big Lots Foundation - For food Shelf. Turned down.
- Doyle Foundation - 10k for senior meals. Pending.
- Lowes Charitable and Education Foundation - FCC Kitchen. Pending.
- Vermont Historical Preservation - Common School roof. Job would cost \$9,000, grant would be for half with an equal match from the town. Application in process.

Other:

- Jim Cameron will send more grant opportunities that he is aware of to Melanie.

Wish List:

- Pavilion
- New Library Computers/ Teen room furniture - Melanie will keep looking. Hasn't found anything yet.
- Field Space for ball fields.
- Economic Development/ Farm Opportunities
 - Soule House back on market.
 - "Better Connections" is a large grant that is for planning for economic development.
 - Jim Cameron recommended Ben Doyle from USD as a great resource for Fairfield.
 - Northern Borders (match grant) serves northern borders of VT. This grant is federal money for economic development for farms.
- [Updated Project List](#)
- More representation at GWC meetings. Amanda recommended to the recreation committee that they should have a member join.
- Recreation trail maintenance
- Playground for Preschoolers
- Cemeteries; Could we have trails connecting cemeteries and LVRT? Melanie will follow up to see where the progress is at on rail trail.
- Outdoor Classroom Space - Jaime's email update. "Classroom Space-Looking for grants that will give us a little money for materials and looking to source labor through community volunteers. We would like to have a structure that can be used as a seasonal

space to start with, with the potential to improve the space in stages to a year round use structure or if the right funding comes our way do that right away! Have rough dimensions of what we would like. It would be for school use during the school day but could also be used for community events evenings and weekends. This grant was one idea but we found out about it too late last year to put something together.
<https://www.farmers.com/thank-americas-teachers/>"

Old Business (Follow-Up):

Parking Lot:

- Master Trails.

New Business:

- GWC Open House - We had previously talked about doing this to spread awareness about our committee but the current members are not currently feeling ready to handle a big open house event. At this point, we will put out some PR about what the committee has done, what we are currently doing, and what we are hoping to do in the future. Via Front Porch Forum.

Note: Vermont Council of Rural Development did large community engagement project in Fairfield about nine years ago.

- New Committee members - We are welcoming Becky Cassell as an official member of our committee!

Adjourned: 2:50

Agenda items for next meeting:

Next Meeting: Jan. 15th, 1pm