

Ferrisburgh Town Center Committee (FTCC)
May 15, 2023 Approved Meeting
Minutes In Person/Virtual Meeting via
ZOOM

Members Present: Bonnie Barnes, Chair, Rick Kerschner, Annie Cohn

Absent: Paul Hoffman, Keith Wagner, Christine Gingras, Rick Morin , Jean Camouche, Jean Richardson

Meeting began 6:30 pm

Minutes of April amended to include Paul Hoffman to the Brown Church site visit and then minutes approved.

We noted that only Bonnie, Rick, Keith and Paul are actual members, the others listed above have been active participants. We will address this at our June meeting. Those attendees who want to be counted as members must send a letter or email of intent to the SB for their approval. Also related:

Brown Church

Bonnie created an email to be sent to the 51 respondents, who volunteered assistance with the Brown Church 'Project', to thank them for their interest and to inquire how they might wish to be involved.

Would they like to

- join the committee
- attend meetings when there is a particular topic of interest
- receive emails
- offer a particular talent or expertise they would like to share

Scheduling tours of the Brown Church for town residents was also discussed, especially for the 50+ folks who expressed interest in assisting with this project.

Kudos to Clark Hindsdale for the comprehensive and interesting information he shared during his interview with reporter Andy Kirkaldy for the Addison Independent.

Bonnie will share this April 27 article with Didi Harris, Senior Programs Manager for Northern Vermont Let's Grow Kids.

Grants/Grant Management

Recognized a desire to have a Ferrisburgh grant manager hired. This person would facilitate the town's ability and momentum in finding, obtaining and managing grants. Although the funds may be available from various sources, they may be untenable to manage without a skilled and central orchestrator. At present, and only beginning, are the separate grants awarded to the

Trails, Town Center, Buildings(Union Meeting Hall) which address goals shared by or overlapping each committee.

Legislative News

S100 Housing Bill passed, and of interest is that a key requirement for financial assistance consideration is that a town has to have municipal waste water. Along with this requirement are some changes to open land policies connected to PUD's. Presently, Ferrisburgh does not have municipal waste water, and little of it's land has capacity for handling septic waste...., so this legislation may have little effect..

Child Care Bill signed off....stay tuned for implications

Route 7 Pedestrian Safety and Scoping site visit has been delayed. TBA'd

Other

Scenic Byways. The entire Rte. 7 corridor in Ferrisburgh is mapped/listed as Scenic Byway. Bonnie suggested that the Union Meeting Hall and the Historical Society Building be added to the Scenic Byway map.

For thought and discussion: will the Scenic Byway designation have any implications for the proposed Cornerstone Project?

Next meeting Monday, June 19 at 6:30 PM (ground floor, Town Hall) via in person or ZOOM.

- Membership verification
- Volunteer responses
- Grant/grant management
- TOD, sidewalk news
- Next steps in how to involve town and committees in future planning re: consensus,dreams, need, etc. using Town Plan, Visualizing Density report, Rick Morin, etc.
- Other

Meeting adjourned:

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Cohn