

Ferrisburgh Town Center Committee (FTCC) Minutes
June 19, 2023
In person and via ZOOM

Members present: Bonnie Barnes, Chair, Rick Kerschner, Paul Hoffman, Lindsey Brown, Jocelyn Barton, Christine Gingras, Annie Cohn
Absent: Keith Wagner

Meeting opened at 6:30
Minutes from May 22, 2023

Discussion of grants and grant management

*The sidewalk grant stipulated that a scoping study be conducted before Ferrisburgh could get approval from the State, (as Route 7 is a State highway).

*The engineers are surveying and will prepare a report with a site map and listed alternatives for presentation to the town.

*FTCC members that choose to do so, will join a site visit with the project manager of the consultation firm, Bonnie will call and arrange this.

*due date is September 2023

The RAISE grant is managed by Chittenden County. We were one of the 3 towns to receive a share of \$100,000.

Ferrisburgh Town Trails grant \$25,000

Regarding grant management, there's a shared concern about the number of grants, and the large sums involved; that there will be inefficiencies, confusion, and possible failure to complete each project fully and to reach their best outcomes, if not supervised and coordinated by a central person, a grant manager.

Also a discussion about how the various grant recipients will sometimes need to merge as our town interests intersect and we are a part of 'the same thing'.

Brown Church

*The Pastor has removed all meaningful items from the church and is ready for the Town to take over the building.

*Places like Mary Johnson, YMCA, Let'sGrow Kids, and Heart Works often have resources and/or satellite child care centers. Lindsey volunteers to be the point person to explore possibilities in any relations with any of them.

1st steps: finding the resources that are out there and develop strategies. Then create a letter to show to the Selectboard, which will then be sent to these various entities..., basically seeking guidance and opportunities.

Annual Report to the Selectboard

As a new committee of one year, we should report on our work up to now, etc.

All in agreement and Bonnie will create this report and email to FTCC members before giving to SB.

Side note: the owner of the properties of P.O. and Gillfeathers wants to sell the property, and so informed the FTCC to determine if the Town might be interested in purchasing it.

This should be kept in mind..., not advising to buy, but to consider regarding town plan, healthy community, density study, etc.

Finally. Only 4 people are currently members of FTCC. Anyone wanting to be a member should email to Bonnie a few lines saying that they want to join, and maybe even say why. She'll forward to the SB so all will be OFFICIAL!

Meeting adjourned at 7:30

Minutes submitted by Annie Cohn