

Town Of Groton, Vermont
Community & Economic Development Committee Minutes, October 16th, 2017

The duly warned meeting of the Groton Community & Economic Development Committee October 16th, 2017 was held at the Groton Community Building, 1476 Scott Highway.

Attendance for the meeting: Mary Grant, Kitty Diggins, and Dan Robinson.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30pm.

Updates/Adjustments to the Agenda: None

Approval of September 11th Minutes: Kitty moved to approve the minutes, Mary Seconded the motion. Minutes were approved.

Dan briefed that the CIP Update was proceeding and he had notices that departments had accessed the online worksheet 4 times in the past few weeks. Final review of the worksheet will be at the November meeting.

Dan briefed that the Community Club was awarded a \$3500 Grant to match the \$3500 raised by the Community Club to install a retractable basketball backboard in the gym. RFP's have been sent to area contractors and are due back to the Community Club President on November 6th.

Dan met with Dave Spencer earlier in the day to go over a website update proposal. A stumbling block is that the software Dave uses to maintain the website is not compatible with newer web standards. Dave is going to research software options and if there is an expense involved he will go to the Select Board to see if there are funds available.

Dan made a motion to ask the Select Board to update the Community Build's existing kitchen. Updates include:

- painting
- installing a back splash panel on the wall with the sink
- installing a larger capacity catch basin/trap
- installing a "track" style room divider

Kitty seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Dan made a motion to ask the Select Board to move forward with the grant application process to seek funds for the ADA compliant access to the Community Building kitchen in accordance with the Black River design.

Kitty seconded the motion and the motion passed

Dan made a motion to ask the Select Board to approve funds for the purchase of a commercial LP gas stove and commercial refrigerator for the Community Building kitchen.

Kitty seconded the motion. Mary stated that the existing electric appliances are inefficient and unsuitable for the tasks that they were purchased for and the refrigerator isn't large enough. She also recommended that the Community Club help select the proposed appliances. When the proposed kitchen is complete, these appliances would be moved there and the small gas range and fridge would remain in the downstairs kitchen.

The motion passed by voice vote.

Mary suggested that we begin to think about a local business meeting/seminar to discuss what the committee and town can do to help businesses grow. Dan suggested we put it on the November agenda and hopefully get more input for a timeframe with hunting season and the holidays coming up.

Next meeting scheduled for November 6th.

Agenda was set for the next meeting:

CIP Final Review

Local Business Meeting/Seminar

The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted

Dan Robinson, Committee Chair/Secretary