

FNRC Meeting

11/8/10

Present: Cory, Ky, Ned, Patti (Trish)

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1. Review of last meeting:

1. We met with the Select Board to update them on the status of the barn. We discussed various grant opportunities with them, as well as revisiting the suggestion of creating safer access for the school to the town forest through a crosswalk or other means. **Action Item: Trish will follow-up with Patti Lewis to see what the status is for a crosswalk or other safety measures for crossing German Flats Road**
2. We discussed setting up a regular article in the Valley Reporter to keep the greater community informed of the Barn restoration, the Reverence of Place project happening at the school, and other town news.
3. Ky passed out a draft budget for finishing the restoration.

2. Barn Grants/Fundraising:

1. Needed to have 50% of funds available by November 1st to qualify for the Historic Barn grant, so will not be applying.
2. VHCB grant opportunities seem encouraging. Patti (Trish) has been working with Karen Friedman (sp?). Big criteria to meet is that the town "owns" the barn or has control over it. Should we try to get deed to tie the 2 parcels (town forest and barn) together?. **Action Item: Patti will follow up with Margo at Sugarbush re: official transfer of ownership or giving the town "control" over the barn.**
3. We have written a letter to the Rotary Club asking for \$5,000 to cover the new foundation. (We have since received a reply that they will give us \$2,500 towards this cost!)
4. The Recreation Trails Program (RTP) from Forests, Parks and Rec. department is due in January could provide up to \$20,000 towards project. It is a reimbursement grant which Select Board approved during our update. The trainings for grant (if we attend

we add points to our application) are: Wednesday, December 1, 2010 6:00PM - 7:00PM - Via Vermont Interactive Television (VIT) at the 15 location below: Bennington, Brattleboro, Castleton, Johnson, Lyndonville, Middlebury, Montpelier, Newport, Randolph Center, Rutland, Springfield, St. Albans, Waterbury, White River Junction, and Williston. **Call/RSVP: 802/241-3690 by Tuesday, Nov. 30th.**

<http://www.vitlink.org/location> AND Thursday, December 9, 2010 1:30 PM – 2:30PM - Vermont Technical College, Randolph, Vermont following the Vermont Recreation & Parks Association's quarterly meeting. Call/RSVP: 802/241-3690 by Wednesday, Dec. 8th if you will be attending this workshop.

5. Cory applied for a mini-grant from the Four Winds Nature Institute to cover costs of installing the outdoor learning experience (as a forest garden) created buy the school that will surround the barn.
6. Fundraising still a necessity. The Fayston School has expressed some interest in participating. Penney Jar at area business as well as a direct appeal at Town Meeting was also discussed.

3. Reverence of Place at Fayston School:

1. Each grade level doing something unique to their curriculum—1-2 working with trees and native plantings, 3-4 doing geology, 5-6 working with US history and possibly Chase Brook Town Forest Management Plan and Arrowwood data

4. Barn Status/Schedule

1. The last of the timbers will get pulled and stored for winter.
2. Ned will work with Viens and DiMario to remove rest of debris and pile rocks from foundation.
3. New Foundation will be staked out
4. Will have to go to DRB to get appropriate permits. **Action Item—Ky will fill out necessary paperwork with Patti's assistance.**
 1. Letters of support will be helpful in this Process. **Action Item—Cory will contact School, MRPA, Friends of the Mad River for a letter of support. Others can contact the Rotary, Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce, etc. for support letters.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Cory Stephenson