

West River Park Committee

November 27, 2012

(Rescheduled from 11/19/12 due to lack of a quorum)

Attending: Carol Lolatte, Brownie Towle, Paul Freed, Matt Henry, Ben Underhill, Betsy Gentile, and Bonnie Carr.

Minutes: Betsy Gentile made a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Ben Underhill seconded the motion and it was so carried.

Update from Committee

Development:

Paul Freed reported he had met with Park Supervisor Paul Ethier who presented him with a computerized drawing of the proposed Maintenance Shed. Paul Freed will take this to Tony Farnum and they will go over it all and Paul should have the breakdown of costs for the next meeting.

Phased Plan/Prioritized Plan:

This was discussed at the last meeting and it was decided to go forward with a Prioritized Plan as listed in the previous minutes, (but not necessarily in the order printed). Carol said the shed is needed to store the tractor which will be used to maintain the fields.

Carol then reported she had a bid opening for the fencing this past week. Four bids were received ranging from \$28,000.00 to \$42,000.00. She will be recommending to the Town Selectboard at their next meeting that the bid of \$28,000.00 from Wayside Fence of Brattleboro be awarded to them. Carol did comment that the foul poles are not part of this bid and will need to be purchased separately from the fencing.

Carol then told the group that presently there is \$22,904.00 in the WRP account. She also has received word of a \$14,765.00 Grant being awarded to WRP.

Betsy Gentile then reported that she has figures from Bob Simeon from WRCC for costs of the Maintenance Shed and it is a huge difference from the original figure of \$49,570.00 from Tony Farnum. The Career Center costs, including labor, would be \$8,000.00. This includes materials, labor, and wiring for the 18' x 24' structure. Everyone agreed that this is the way to go. Betsy will get an itemized break down of the total figures presented tonight from the WRCC for our next meeting

After a short discussion regarding what will be needed, (i.e. yardage, forms, costs), the committee agreed that figures are needed for the cement foundation for the shed and several suggestions were made and will be followed up on regarding in-kind work and reduced costs from local concrete and form contractors. Hopefully everyone will be able to report these figures at the next meeting.

Carol did remind everyone of Town Policy and how three bids for any job/project are needed on a company letterhead which she has to present to the Town Selectboard in order for them to okay who gets to do the work.

Fundraising/Grants:

Carol gave the following update on recent income and requests:

1. C & S donated \$200
2. A request in the \$50,000.00 range from Entergy is being worked on
3. Ben Underhill will apply to New Chapter next week, (Procter & Gamble)
4. Planning for the Grand Opening in the Spring will start at the next meeting

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 10, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. at the Gibson Aiken Center in the Conference Room.

The meeting Adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bonnie E. Carr