

Community Center Planning Committee

Minutes July 10, 2012

Present: Helen Koss (Chair), Sandy Stagner, Marilyn Martin, Everett Adams, Greg Chaffee, Myrna Harrington, Betty Whipple, Kathy Shields, Executive Director CDFA and Joel Slutsky, Reporter Vermont Journal. Jay Grant and Mary Henry were observers.

The meeting was called to order and Helen introduced Kathy Shields from the Community Development Finance Authority (CDFA). She gave a very informative presentation about the "Tax Credit Program" for businesses making donations to community projects.

CDFA will hold an application workshop in February 2013 for anyone interested in applying to the program. Applications are due in April 2013. The awards are made in July 2013.

Joel Slutsky, a reporter for the Vermont Journal, attended the meeting and will be writing an article about the project for his newspaper and will include information presented by Kathy Shields.

Secretary's Report was accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Marilyn reported the balance the end of May in the new bank account was \$73.05 of which \$50.00 is owed to Marilyn. The balance will be \$23.05. A pledge of \$400.00 has been received. Treasurer's report was accepted.

Old Business:

Review of changes/modifications: Changes need to be made to the mechanical room and the pot filling sink needs to be moved over.

A motion was made and accepted to use the \$2500.00 the town approved to be used for planning, and send it to Bensonwood.

Report on Fund Raising: Both asking for donations and asking for pledges should be done when seeking funds for the project.

It is felt that the matching funds that are required by the Rural Development Grant will be raised. Applications can be started in September or October and funds will be available by the middle of January. Even though the funds cannot be accepted until the Town Meeting takes place the application should be submitted.

New Business:

Need to follow-up on the letters that were sent out. It would be good to discuss the business tax credit

It would be good to have Bensonwood include the concept of the outside of the building for future improvements even though it is not part of the current project.

Will contact Chris and see if some representatives from Bensonwood could attend the next meeting to discuss the project.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at 7:00 pm.