

BAKERSFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Unapproved Minutes Thursday March 28, 2024, 12:45 PM
166th Meeting

Carriage Barn Meeting 12:45 - Present for a Quorum: Alice Foote, Julie Hill, Larry Krygier, Pat Evans, Carolyn Bronz. Guest: Sharon Evans.

- We inspected the building, measured door and window openings and took photos in order to plan for the Tiny Grant application.
- Priorities are – First the building needs to be cleared out inside. Turnbuckle cable should be re-installed. Support beams and ridgepole. Talk to a contractor (Mike Lamphere) as to what's most important to do. Signage to alert townspeople that we are actively working on the building. Generate support and volunteers.

Call to Order:1:42 pm at the Town Hall

Approve Previous Minutes – 2-29-24: Motion to approve - (JH, AF) passed

Financial Report – Julie: \$2410.13 on hand. This includes \$600 allocated to the Town Common volunteers who will be planting flowers. Motion to approve (LK, AF) passed

Carriage Barn Discussion. Tiny Grant:

- This grant is through the Assoc. of VT Conservation Commissions. It's for \$600 and they want to see matching funds and/or in-kind contributions.
- We either need a dumpster or possibly Jamie Curtis could be hired. Larry will contact Jamie Curtis. Carolyn got an estimate from Sylvesters for \$450/ton or \$600/2 tons of trash.
- Need to close up the front of the building and the open windows. Larry has plastic – this will be a temporary fix.
- The turnbuckle should be re-installed. There are 4x6 beams (3) that were originally to be used as support structures.
- Alice will contact Mike Lamphere.
- Carolyn will start on writing the grant, due April 5.

Town Park: Signage, Kiosk, Pollinator Garden:

- We will order plant identification signs for the +/- 25 varieties of native plants
- We will plan workdays for cleanup, weeding, raking, and finishing the edging.
- Carolyn got estimates for the large banner and the Town Park map signs for the kiosk. About \$100 for both. **Motion to approve purchasing these signs (JH, AF) Passed.** (2:21 Pat left.)
- Three trees that fell on the fence in the recent windstorm were taken care of by a few local people.
- There are trees close to the Hearse House that have to be removed in order to do future work on that building. These are on Town Park property. Someone could use them for firewood. **Motion (CB, LK) to allow the Cemetery Commission to remove the trees 10 feet around the Hearse House which are on Town Park property - Passed.** Carolyn will let Linda McCall know this decision.

Town Common: Pat will contact Phil Lumbra and possibly one other contractor to get estimates for repairing the roof on the Bell gazebo, and then we will submit to the Selectboard.

Trails: Shattuck Mountain. The estimate for a 18x24” metal sign is about \$300. 4x4 pressure treated to mount it. Placement near the road by the parking space. Need to plan trail maintenance days.

Other Business:

- Amber Foote is volunteering to help us with PR and communication. She can create QR codes for the kiosk. QR codes to link with trail maps. We will invite her to one of our meetings.
- Alice talked with Preservation Trust of VT people about grant funding. They said small successful projects will set us up to procure more funding. She feels we should proceed piecemeal to make incremental progress rather than apply for a big one, like the one that got denied.

Upcoming Event Reminders, Announcements, Public Comment: the Eclipse! We are right in the bullseye. Hope for a sunny day!

Sights and Sounds of the Season: Turkeys, and lots of deer around. Geese. Deer have eaten every tip of Julie’s apple tree. They are eating grass. Snowdrops have been up and Alice saw coltsfoot blossoms!

Date for Next Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 1 pm