

Minutes of the Charlemont Selectboard Meeting with the Park and Recreation Commission

August 21, 2024

6 pm At the Charlemont Fairgrounds

Present: Valentine Reid, Jared Bellows, Kim Blakeslee, Mike Hayden, Bill Harker, Tom Shields, Lori Merrigan, Liz Bouyea, Sam Furlon and Sarah Reynolds.

Valentine Reid called the meeting to order and reviewed the Conway School Proposals.

It was pointed out that there were three proposals, and they were very thoughtful and thorough. Ideas for projects could be pulled from each if desired.

Projects would be pulled out for the next year and will continue over the next several years as funding was obtained.

Projects that made the immediate list are:

- 1) Bathrooms- Once bathrooms were moved to stand alone accessible building current bathrooms could become storage. This will help get everything away from grandstands.
- 2) Parking
- 3) Exhibit Hall Upgrades- which can include a couple of bathrooms this building is also used as an emergency space. Can be made to a year-round building.

It was also pointed out that the Tennis courts and some work at School Street would also be a part of this funding.

Grants can also be obtained for a heating system in the exhibit hall, sewer system needs, and other projects. Grant funding would be sought after to go with current funding and make as much project funding as possible by combining funds and using to offset towns required contributions of funding for grants that require matches.

Benches at the fairgrounds were mentioned this could be a Franklin Tech School ask, someone can follow up.

Parking lot work would most likely be gravel /TRG not pavement. Work would include plantings to fight bank erosion.

Internet access was mentioned and will be followed up on.

Next steps are to write Request for Proposals for the projects. Administrator will start working with Park and Recreation Chair. Administrator also to reach out to building department on any requirements needed for permitting projects.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 Pm on a motion by Valentine Reid and second by Jared Bellows.