

Pittsford Village Farm
Community Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 5, 2019, 6:30 p.m. at Furnace Brook Wesleyan Church

Board of Directors Update (from Thursday, January 18, 2019 meeting):

- Agreed to move forward with lining up a big concert event this summer as a fundraiser.
- Enthusiastic about Sally Stanley's and The Neighborhood's proposal.
- Discussed enlisting more board members.
- Update on Baird Morgan, Betsy Morgan, and Barb Lalancette's meeting with Ed Bove at the Rutland Regional Planning Commission. To date, we have put down \$1,250 of \$2,500 for planning services. Ed feels that the first ½ is complete. At the time of the meeting, we learned that Ed Gillen had the only copies of the maps we intended to use for discussion. Baird will make another request to obtain them. The remainder of the contract is on hold pending further discussion with the Board at our next meeting. We may want to divert the funds we had allocated to that to some architectural work on the house so that we know what our options are (i.e.: structural versus non-structural walls, etc.).
- The remainder of our board meeting was spent working on our mission statement.

Mission & Vision Statement

Bruce Pyle presented a compilation of Our Mission and Our Vision.

- **Our Mission:** "Pittsford Village Farm strengthens the vitality of our community by connecting people with social, cultural and educational opportunities that help build a stronger community for all."
- **Summary of Our Vision:** Community Garden, Farm to School, Community Kitchen, Work with The Neighborhood, Community Center and Gathering Place.
 - Betsy mentioned the need to include Incubator space/Pop-up spaces/Shared office space
 - Based on the group's feedback, Bruce will make some changes to the document at which point we will distribute it to interested parties. Baird also suggested we run it by the board before we distribute it.

Committee updates

- Buildings and Grounds met on the January 31st. Plans are to go ahead with a clean up and painting of the room on the north end of the house.
- We need existing condition drawings made and a structural analysis of the building
- We have a \$1,250 remaining from the Vermont Community Foundation grant (mentioned above) which may be used for this purpose. We are going to line up an architect to do this for us.
- Once we have that, we can look at what walls can come down, etc. and how we can use the space.

Fundraising/Development

- Bernadette Robin has agreed to join our group. She will be very helpful to us and will be the head of the committee.
- Baird has been soliciting sponsorships for Ed Gerhard Concert

Publicity

- Elisabeth Soulia has volunteered to assist with improving our web page.
- Elizabeth can do newsletters as well.

Events Planning

- Gerry Carbine was not in attendance at the meeting.
- Baird pointed out that there are many great ideas floating around but we need more follow through. Gerry had presented a form for people to complete/think through their ideas. We need to make that form readily available - Put Gerry's form on website
- Donna Wilson stated that the first Flea Market is June 22, 2019 – same day as the Pittsford Town Flea Market – and that vendors are excited. Vendors say the location is a goldmine!
- Nine tickets have been sold so far for Ed Gerhard concert (May 23, 2019, 7:30 p.m., at Brandon Town Hall). Krysta Piccoli asked for the 802tix link so she can put it on our Facebook page.

Community Kitchen

- Betsy spoke to Greg Cox (Rutland Farmer's market) about a community kitchen. She was able to visit the community kitchen that is at the farmer's market and feels it is very "do-able."
- The Rutland Farmer's Market received a \$40,000 grant and bought all new appliances. Everything else in their community kitchen was donated.
- Their community kitchen also has a Grand Kitchen – for kids and grandparents to prepare food together. Krysta said it would be good to have a part of the kitchen to do that.

Next Meeting

1st Tuesday of the month -- March 5, 6:30 p.m., location to be confirmed (likely the same as tonight's meeting).