

Gazebo Committee Minutes
September 6, 2023

In Attendance: Allie Evans, Jeff Russ, Jim Crozier, Laura Richardson, Liza Marin, John Evans, Connie Holt, Nan ____.

Agenda Items:

Design Updates and discussion

Fund Raising

Timeline

Next Steps

Design Updates and Discussion:

The committee decided on 5 designs to consider and solicit town residents choices;

1. Amish Country Gazebo

Wood gazebo with no steps/no ramp. 8 ft height and 18 feet in size

Roof included in cost

Subtract the cost of the floor because going with cement floor

The town lines up the work on the foundation and site work

Pay the company to install.

+/- \$27,000.00

(Laura Richardson will put together the description of this option for the vote)

2. Country Lane Gazebo (wood style)

Wood Gazebo

No steps/no ramp. Cement floor.

Not 8 feet in height but 18 feet in size.

Roof included in cost

The town lines up the work on cement foundation and site work

Company installs

+/- \$26,000.00

(Jim Crozier will prepare the description of this option for the vote)

3. Country Lane Gazebo (vinyl style)

Same specs as the wood style gazebo but made in vinyl.

+/- \$24,000.00

(Jim Crozier will prepare the description of this option for the vote)

4. Vermont Natural Homes

Wood gazebo

No steps. No ramp. Cement flooring. One opening.

20 feet in size.

Does not include the roof.

Itemize cost of electrical set up

Company does foundation and site work and installs

(We will ask Katie Marrow to prepare the description of this option for the vote)

Cost: _____

5. Vermont Natural Homes

Wood gazebo

One or two steps with ramp for ADA compliance. Two openings

Does not include roof

20 feet in size

Company does foundation and site work and installs

+- \$64,970.00

(We will ask Katie Marrow to prepare the description of this option for the vote)

Fundraising:

The committee discussed possible ways to fundraise for the cost of the gazebo;

1. T – shirts: the committee discussed the realistic cost and revenue from t-shirts and decided it was not a sure thing. The discussion moved to tote bags as a gift for larger donations. The idea would be to put the chosen design of the gazebo on the bag.
2. Memorial Bricks. The committee liked the idea but did not decide to do it at this point.
3. Go-Fund-Me: The committee decided to explore a go-fund-me when the time comes.
4. Tin Cans at Riverbend and Harmonyville Store: The committee decided to approach those two stores to put out a tin can for collection.
5. Grants: Nan and Laura discussed the Better Places Program grant. This grant can be anywhere from \$5,000.00 to \$40,000.00. It is 2;3's matching grant program. The committee decided to at least do the initial review of the guidelines and submit a preliminary application. Then the committee would decide if they want to go further with it.

Timeline:

The committee decided that the timeline will be to solicit resident input, line up the contractors, and the funds in the fall and then build the gazebo in the spring.

Next Steps:

1. Connie will email Vermont Natural Homes for a revised quote for Option 4.
2. Jim will reach out to contractors for quote on the site work.
3. Laura will reach out to the Phoenix's about the cost of a roof.
4. Laura will reach out to Riverbend about a tin cup collection
5. Jeff will reach out to Harmonyville for a tin cup collection.
6. Allie will explore fundraising tote bags.
7. Connie will look into setting a go-fund-me.
8. Nan and Connie will meet to look into the grant.
9. Next Gazebo Meeting: Wednesday, September 20th at 6:00pm:
 - a. Review and discuss final option descriptions
 - b. Prepare the descriptions for the vote
10. Conduct the vote from 9/27 through October.