

MINUTES
Phillips Revitalization Steering Committee Meeting
June 23, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance: Dick Stovall, Dick & Pam Matthews (Absent: John Stinchfield, Margaret Cosenza, Nancy O'Toole)
Invited Guests: Larry Pinkham (PACC), Tricia Cook & Tanya Swain from the Western Mountains Alliance
Meeting held at the American Legion Building.

This meeting was given over to talking with representatives of the Western Mountains Alliance (WMA). Tricia Cook had contacted us about holding a Bike to Farm Tour on October 1, originating and ending in Phillips, possibly at the PACC.

Tricia and Tanya explained that although the WMA was very excited about holding the Tour here, the cyclists who started the tour last year want to keep it in Farmington. The WMA has dropped out of the project, so Phillips won't be hosting the tour this year (and it is unclear whether there will be a tour). The women had come to the meeting, however, to learn what the Revitalization Committee is doing and how they can help.

Discussion ensued to bring them up to date on our activities, plans, and hopes. We emphasized that we need a grant writer, and they will try to find someone for us. They suggested contacting Amy Landry at AVCOG, who might help us with grants. AVCOG is also an entity that can administer the grant money (for a fee), which is a necessary stipulation of some grants.

They mentioned Teri Ann Stevens concerning Community Development Block Grants, and that there are USDA Rural Development Grants for facilities. UMF offers a grant writing class and may have students who are looking for projects. They thought we should be in touch with Alison Hagerstrom and become a part of the Tourism network.

Larry mentioned Becky Kurtz from the Rangeley Lakes Heritage Trust, who is also a grant writer.

Although we won't be holding a Bike to Farm Tour this year, we appreciate Tricia and Tanya coming to talk with us.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Phillips Town Office

All meetings of the Revitalization Committees are open to anyone interested in attending. New members are always welcome. To get on our mailing list, please contact Pam or Dick Matthews at 639-2630.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Matthews

