Gazebo Committee Meeting Minutes 1/10/2024

- 1. **Design Discussion:** The Committee continued its discussion of the three options on building a gazebo: Vermont Natural Homes locally built, a prebuild design, and self-construction;
 - a. The Committee discussed the latest design sent from VT Natural Homes coming out of the December meeting with the company. The design they sent is geared to be less expensive through constructing a partially complete or first phase of contraction of the Gazebo. The Committee came to a consensus that the VT Natural Homes gazebos are not in an affordable price range. The committee also agreed that they like the design of the partial build in its simplicity and pavilion style accessibility.
 - b. Because the committee liked the design style of the VT Natural Homes partially built, the committee discussed self-construction. The discussion centered around building a design in the pavilion style that we prefer and having it cost less.

2. Discussion on the steps for self-construction:

- **a.** Location of the gazebo:
 - i. The committee agreed that a new location is needed for the gazebo to get it closer to the electricity, out from the hole, and away from any tree foundation.
 - **ii.** The committee discussed that the town road crew could help in prepping the site.
 - iii. Would need to hire someone to pour the cement with the poles.
- **b.** Design of the gazebo: The committee discussed people who could help design the gazebo. Jim Crozier and Ken Hoffman's names were raised as possibilities.
- **c.** Construction of the gazebo: The committee thought there would be people in town who would be interested in doing the construction on a volunteer basis. John Evans, Jim Crozier, and Randy Lewitt's names were raised.
- **d.** Materials: Ed Druck, from WW Hardware, was raised as a possibility for donating materials.
- **e.** The Roof: The committee discussed talking with Eli Phoenix about what to do on the roof.
- **f.** The committee discussed having John Evans lead the self-construction project.
- **3.** Town Report: The committee was asked if they would agree to have the Gazebo picture be the cover page of the Annual Town Report. The committee agreed to it.
- **4. Fundraising:** The committee agreed to revisit the topic of a fundraising calendar and applying for grants at the next meeting.
- 5. Next Committee meeting: Wednesday, January 30th at 5pm.