

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Commenced: 5:13pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:33pm

Location: Vershire Town Center

Attendees: Liz Thames, Ken Bushey, Karen Ward, Amanda Gilman, Reva Seybolt

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

- I. Eagle Hollow rock climbing area discussion:
 - a. Ken to report back to selectboard
 - b. Ken, Aaron Hoopes and rock climber to go investigate the area to determine if trails need to be maintained.
 - c. Is parking available for climbers?

- II. Review and approve September 6, 2023 meeting minutes:
 - a. Reva motioned to approve; Amanda seconded. The minutes were approved.

- III. Upcoming Events:
 - 1) Sunday, October 15, 12-3pm: Harvest Festival:
 - a. The Rough & Tumble band confirmed to play from noon-2pm
 - b. Liz to make a sign-in sheet for everyone who attends
 - c. Ken to reach out to Sam Moffatt to let her know we'd love to have her play from 2-3pm
 - d. Bounce House is booked
 - e. Petting Zoo by Devan
 - f. Activities:
 - i. Donuts on a string
 1. Buy a backdrop stand—Karen to buy
 - ii. Coloring
 - iii. Bubbles
 - iv. Pumpkin bowling
 - v. Pumpkin decorating (get donations from Newmont Farm):
 1. Amanda to call Newmont Farm and Cedar Circle for pumpkin donations
 2. Guess the weight on any pumpkin OR count the candy corn?
 - vi. Face painting—Karen to ask Leslie Berger:
 1. Amanda to donate face paint
 - vii. Felting—Tonya is out of town and cannot lead a felting station
 - viii. Food drive for food pantry—Vershire will set up a table and collect food items
 - ix. Maple cotton candy by Nate Pero—Karen emailed him and he didn't respond; she'll call him
 - x. Bales of Hay for décor—Devan to bring
 - xi. Apple Pie contest—gluten free entries (Devan to judge)
 1. Kids category
 - xii. Mountain School is confirmed to bring their cider press

1. They will bring some apples, but we'll likely need more
2. Liz to contact Katrina to see if they'd be willing to do the face painting or a photo head hole
- xiii. Book sale by Andi
- xiv. Chili cook off (encourage a vegetarian chili too)
- xv. BJ's trip (Liz to go):
 1. Chips, hot dogs, buns, veggie dog, seltzer (we have 24 hot dogs and ~40 buns in the freezer)
 2. Donuts: Amanda to ask Tim & Kelly if they'll donate donuts. Otherwise Liz will buy some
 3. We need more bubble solution (Wal-Mart)
- 2) Pizza oven:
 - a. In future, possibly have people sign-up for pizza ahead of time via a google form?
- 3) November: Towns-giving on Saturday, November 18
 - a. Set-up ice rink at 9am
 - i. Reva and Ken to make sure Gary can move the dirt
 - b. Potluck and soup & stews at 4:30pm; board games, etc inside
- 4) December: Holiday Event on Saturday, December 9, 2023; 1-3pm
 - a. VerShare holiday sale will be Sat, Dec 2
 - b. Nicole's dad will be Santa again
 - c. Craft: ornament decorating:
 - i. Karen to plan this
 - d. Cookie dough & decorating with Liz:
 - i. Liz will make the dough ahead of time and then bake it at the TCB with the kids
 - e. Hot cocoa: was too hot last year; need to make it cooler this year
 - f. Popcorn machine
 - g. Coloring pages
 - h. Coloring table cloths
- 5) January: Ice Rink Grand Opening
 - a. Budgeted \$800 for a liner but probably don't need to purchase one; put \$800 + \$200 in donations toward buying a snowblower
 - b. Ken to get a deal on a snowblower (hopefully)
 - c. Need to purchase a fire pit
- 6) Westshire planning to do a winter carnival at the Town Center in order to have the kids ice skate, snow shoe and build snowmen
- 7) Skiway tickets for adults on a weekday morning:
 - a. Ken spoke with Dartmouth Skiway and this should work:
 - b. \$10 per person per day for a set number of weeks; need to commit in advance (for example: 6 people for 6 weeks every Tuesday):
 - i. Weekdays: have to pick a day of the week, but it can be anytime that day
 - ii. Make a google form for ppl to sign-up via the listserv
 - iii. No cap on how many people can participate
 - iv. \$10 rental per day

- 8) January:
 - a. Adult movie night in January? Show the Barbie movie?
- 9) January:
 - a. Restart Adult game night for third Wednesday
- IV. Future Food Truck possibilities:
 - a. Cornerstone
 - b. Chicken Wiggle
- V. Future event ideas:
 - 1) Piano event? Reva to look into it
 - 2) February: do a band inside? Adult prom?
 - b. Ted Mortimer's band—Reva to ask Caro to ask Ted
 - c. Jordan Lyford's band—save them for next summer so that they can play outside
 - 3) March: do karaoke?
 - a. Movie evening inside
 - b. Paint-n-sip?
 - i. Karen to ask art teacher if she could do this
 - ii. We would buy the supplies and paint
 - 4) Teen hang-out night: high school & middle school:
 - a. Amanda is in conversations with Rivendell Academy
 - i. Reva noted that Alice and Tovahn are looking into creating a more permanent teen hangout spot at the Church Orr House
 - b. Regular event? Monthly? Start in January
 - c. Snacks, games, etc
 - d. We can chaperone
 - 5) Talent show: April?
 - a. Amanda is in touch with Deb Kingsbury to learn about the Extravaganza process
 - 6) Kids Craft Fair/Show
- VI. Pavilion and Town Center Committee updates from Reva (as needed)
- VII. Planning Commission:
 - a. Liz to write: a section on community development. What would we like to see over the next ten years? A vision of what we'd like to do:
 - i. Keep the field as a field for playing
 - ii. Maintain the playground and pizza oven
 - 1. Add a sandbox with cover/toddler playground
 - 2. A playhouse
 - iii. Regular events on a monthly basis: talent show
 - iv. Vershare camp
 - v. Ice rink
 - vi. Passes for rec activities outside of Vershire (Treasure Island passes, Skiway passes, etc)

vii. Group exercise classes for all ages:

1. By donation and hosted by the Rec Committee would be fine

VIII. Any other business

IX. Ken motioned to adjourn at 6:33pm; Karen seconded. The meeting was adjourned.