

## VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, May 1, 2024

**Location:** Vershire Town Center

**Meeting Commenced:** 5:07pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:41pm

**Attendees:** Ken Bushey, Reva Seybolt, Liz Thames, and Karen Ward

**Minutes submitted by:** Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

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- I. Review and approve 4/3/24 meeting minutes:
  - a. Ken motioned to approve; Karen seconded. The minutes were approved.
  
- II. Debrief/update on 4/27/24 Town Center Clean-up Day:
  - a. The clean-up took over 30 hours (between two days) to complete and there weren't enough volunteers:
    - i. Put down 20 bales of hay over grass seed
    - ii. Cleaned all grass to enable mowing
    - iii. Soccer goals—what should we do with these? They are largely broken.
    - iv. Would Westshire like the big tires that were on the playground? Karen will ask
    - v. Need a delivery of dirt before the work can be finished
    - vi. We walked around and determined a location for the horseshoe pitch
  - b. May need to hire a maintenance person next year because there just aren't enough volunteers for the volume of work needed each spring
  
- III. We should buy a plastic garden chest to store balls and other outside equipment in:
  - a. We can possibly bolt it to the green equipment shed so that it doesn't blow away
  - b. We need to check on our inventory of balls and other equipment
  
- IV. Liz should do some marketing and advertising around the TCB outdoor availability during the summer:
  - a. Horseshoes, balls, jump ropes, bubbles, badmitten
  - b. Port-a-potty
  - c. Pavilion, playground
  
- V. Liz to create a google drive for the Rec Committee:
  - a. Create a folder and give everyone editor capability
  
- VI. Upcoming Events/Past Event Debriefs:
  - 1) Move this to the fall: paint-n-snack event:
    - a. Can we, as the Rec Committee, charge for this and then pay her for her work?
      - i. \$200 maybe?
      - ii. Have a donation jar?
    - b. Offer chips and seltzer
    - c. A weeknight would be best; could do 6pm perhaps

- d. Rec Comm would need to provide the materials: wood, paint, brushes
- 2) May: Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> Food Truck: MAYBE it'll be Friday, May 24
  - a. Karen has booked VinDogs to arrive at 4:30pm
    - i. Karen asked VinDogs if they could instead do Friday the 24th
  - b. Liz cancelled the bounce house
  - c. This is not yet on the town calendar
- 3) June: Friday the 14<sup>th</sup>: end-of-school party (date pending actual last day of school, which hasn't been announced yet):
  - a. Face painting
  - b. Grill burgers and hot dogs
  - c. Liz booked bounce house from 4-9pm
  - d. This is on the town calendar
  - e. Ken is looking for a band
- 4) July: Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup>: Vershire Day:
  - a. Liz let Laura Craft know that we'll do the same activities we did last year
  - b. Liz will be at the event, Ken is likely to be there, Karen is tentative
  - c. Bounce house and dunk tank are booked:
    - i. Scheduled to be delivered by 9am and picked up by 8pm
      - 1. Sign-up sheet on the day of for dunk tank
      - 2. In advertising, bring swimwear if you want to be dunked
  - d. Possible new addition: a duck race in the river? Ken to investigate
    - i. Can you actually see the ducks from the bank with the leaves on the trees?
    - ii. Is the bank too steep?
  - e. This is on the town calendar
- 5) August: Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>: Back-to-School party, 4-9pm
  - a. Monday, August 26 is the first day of school
  - b. Liz booked bounce house from 4-9pm
  - c. Book a food truck?
    - i. *The Box* Mexican food truck is not available this date
    - ii. Karen reaching out to another food truck
  - d. Book a band? Ken and Karen to investigate
  - e. This is on the town calendar
- 6) September: 5pm on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>: band and pizza
  - a. Do advance orders for pizza
  - b. Ken to look into bands
  - c. No bounce house
  - d. This is on the town calendar
- 7) October: Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>: Harvest Festival
  - a. 11am – 3pm
  - b. Liz booked bounce house from 10am-3:30pm
  - c. Ask Aaron to do a Kung Fu demonstration
  - d. Liz to book a blue grass band
  - e. This is on the town calendar

- 8) November: skate rink set-up for sometime towards the end of this month.  
Needs to be done during the day to fill it
- 9) December: do Santa event, Vershare holiday market and tree lighting all at the same time

VII. Future event ideas:

- 1) Adult prom
- 2) Karaoke
- 3) Teen event
- 4) Kids Craft Fair/Show

VIII. Group exercise classes:

- a. Can we do them at Westshire?
  - i. Karen to ask Westshire if we can do it there
  - ii. The classes can be by donation
  - iii. Karen will contact the Zumba instructor to see if she's free on Wednesday nights
- b. The challenge is the need for insurance if the class isn't free
- c. Do a suggested donation?
- d. If at the TCB, VerShare is willing to sponsor this and do it under their insurance.
  - i. They will check with their insurance and Reva will follow-up on the paperwork.
  - ii. VerShare has asked their insurance provider, but haven't heard back yet
  - iii. There will be a calendar on the Vershire Town Center website
  - iv. A sponsored event by any town organization will fill out a form and, if it's sponsored, the insurance doesn't have to be dealt with
  - v. If it's free and open to the public, then it's free to use the TCB:
    1. If charging a specific amount, you need to go to the selectboard

IX. Tabled for future discussion and/or notes to carry forward:

- a. Eagle Hollow rock-climbing area: Ken to facilitate
- b. Don't do a Towns-giving event again: not enough attendees

X. Town website:

- a. There is now a Rec Comm page on the town website
  - i. Put the Town report info on the website?
- b. We can send Gretchen photos and information, including our event posters

XI. We need a Town Center lost and found box:

- a. Reva to determine where one should go outside
  - i. We discussed either under the pavilion or next to the pizza oven.

XII. Any other business

XIII. Reva motioned to adjourn at 6:41pm; Ken seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:41pm.