

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, June 5, 2024

Location: Vershire Town Center

Meeting Commenced: 5:12pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:40pm

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

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

- I. Review and approve 5/1/24 meeting minutes:
 - a. Ken Bushey motioned to approve; Karen Ward seconded. The minutes are approved.
- II. Debrief on 5/23/24 food truck event:
 - a. VinDogs gave us \$50 from the night
 - b. This was not well-attended. Don't do a late May event next year? Or has the novelty of the food truck run out?
 - c. Could we advertise future events on the VerShare board?
- III. Eagle Hollow rock-climbing area: Ken mtg w/Matt Severance:
 - a. Ken, Mark Harvey, Matt Severance and Aaron Hoopes met on 6/4/24 to hike the trail and investigate the rock-climbing area. There are some areas of erosion.
 - b. Ken shared this information with the select board
 - c. Matt will follow-up with Ken
 - d. A trails sub-committee may be needed
- IV. Make a summer activities bingo card for kids? Give out awards at the Back to School party?
 - a. Liz to make this and send around to the schools, Facebook and bring print outs to the End Of School party
- V. Outdoor equipment purchases/set-up needed for summer?
 - Plastic garden chest to store balls and other outside equipment in → Ken purchased this
 - Horseshoes: Vern to donate these; Ken will try and have it installed by Vershire Day
 - Liz to buy a kickball, jump ropes, bubbles
 - Ken will bring soccer and basketballs
 - Badminton set in shed needs to be thrown out
 - Could we get a sturdier net and have it permanent all summer inside the ice rink?
 - When this is complete, Liz will do advertising of TCB activities
- VI. Liz to create a google drive for the Rec Committee
- VII. Upcoming Events:
 - 1) June: Friday the 14th: end-of-school party. What supplies are needed?

- a. Face painting: Karen to purchase
- b. Grill burgers and hot dogs:
 - i. Karen emailed Niko to see if he would donate beef
 - ii. Karen will also ask George if his dad will donate beef
 - iii. Ken to ask Hannafords about food donations
 - iv. Liz to go to BJs—quantity of 100: buns (hot dogs, hamburgers), hot dogs, beef, cheese slices, veggie burgers, (Karen will bring chips), clementines, bananas, aluminum foil, plates
 - 1. Karen will make the burger patties the night before
- c. Liz to send poster to Ken to send to Chelsea School and possibly the Herald (Brandi Comet); Daybreak?
 - i. Liz to find contacts at all local elementary schools to better advertise
- d. Liz booked bounce house from 4-9pm
- e. This is on the town calendar
- f. No band

2) July: Saturday the 6th: Vershire Day:

- a. Liz let Laura Craft know that we'll do the same activities we did last year
- b. Liz to ask Laura if its ok to have a flower arranging competition at Vershire day
- c. Liz will be at the event, Ken is likely to be there, Karen is tentative
- d. We will be selling ice cream and handing out glow sticks before fireworks
- e. 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
 - f. This is on the town calendar

3) August: Friday the 23rd: 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: no, we'll grill
- d. Book a band? Ken to investigate
- e. This is on the town calendar

4) Fall: paint-n-snack event?

5) September: 5pm on Friday, September 20th: 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

6) October: Saturday, October 19th: 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
- 7) November: skate rink set-up for some time towards the end of this month.
Needs to be done during the day to fill it
- 8) December: do Santa event, Vershare holiday market and tree lighting all at the same time

VIII. Future event ideas:

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

IX. Group exercise classes:

- a. Can we do them at Westshire?
 - i. Karen to ask Westshire if we can do it there
 - ii. Could the Rec Comm sponsor it and advertise it
 - iii. The classes can be by donation
 - iv. 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

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

- a. Don't do a Towns-giving event again: not enough attendees

XI. 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

XII. Any other business

XIII. Reva motioned to adjourn at 6:40pm; Karen seconded. Meeting was adjourned.