

## VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, December 4, 2024

**Location:** Vershire Town Center

**Meeting Commenced:** 5:10pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 6:47pm

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

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

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- I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):
  - a. No guest speaker was present.
- II. Review and approve November 2024 meeting minutes:
  - a. Ken motioned to approve; Kathy seconded. Minutes were approved without edits.
- III. Upper Valley Trails membership (\$100):
  - a. We will plan to pay for this out of a future Byrne Foundation grant
- IV. Budget review:
  - a. This is in the shared google budget doc under the tab "25-26." We will wait to get our current actuals from Gene before sending along our proposed budget.
  - b. Horseshoe game: Ken to finish setting up in spring
  - c. Liz to bring a binder with printed grid for recording attendance and donations at every event.
- V. AARP Vermont Winter Placemaking grant details:
  - a. They want to fast-track this and give us the money ASAP as they want us to spend it this winter
  - b. Grant is for \$4,000 total:
    - i. \$1,550 for instructional classes (exercise classes to start in January):
      1. Vanessa Waxman will teach yoga: Tuesdays, starting Jan 7 – Feb 11, 5-6pm
      2. Kareen will teach Zumba from 5-6pm on Sundays starting Sunday, January 12 – mid February
      3. Feb 17-March 31: second set of exercise classes
      4. Karen to check in with Sara Savidge and Christine
      5. Reva to check with Linda as well as Amanda Gilman re yoga
    - ii. We will pay instructors a flat rate of \$75 per class regardless of the number of attendees
  - c. \$900 for food for the following events:
    - i. Ice rink event in early January?
    - ii. Contra dance (and for the band too): this will be Saturday, March 8 at 4
    - iii. Moonlight Meet-up hike up Flagpole Hill (you want to be approaching the full moon): people would come on snowmobiles, skis and snowshoes:  
Potential dates:
      1. Saturday, January 25, 5-7pm—FIRST CHOICE

2. February 22 (that's the snowshoe a thon)
    3. March 22
  - d. \$1,100 for trails kiosk at the trailhead of Flagpole Hill:
    - i. We could put snowshoes there for people to borrow
  - e. \$200 for administrative costs:
    - i. Maybe for insurance?
  - f. \$150 for advertising
- VI. Contra Dance:
- a. Kathy said David might be willing to play piano and they have a friend who can fiddle and call the dance
    - i. Kathy to ask David about a date: decided on Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm
  - b. Budget would be circa \$100 for the fiddler/caller
- VII. Upcoming Events & Event Debriefs:
- 1) Reva and Caro will start a cards/games at 7pm on the first Wednesday of every month, starting in December. AARP grant can pay for snacks
  - 2) November: skate rink set-up for some time towards the end of this month. Needs to be done during the day to fill it
    - a. Maybe Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>? Ken to check with the fire department and confirm.
    - b. Ken will let Liz know if she should advertise
  - 3) December: Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm:
    - a. Liz will make cookie dough ahead of time
    - b. Popcorn, hot cocoa
    - c. Check on supplies
    - d. Event Attendees: Liz and Kathy
  - 4) January: ice skating event in early January? With a bonfire?
    - a. After-school skating club?
- VIII. Future event ideas:
- 1) Adult prom
  - 2) Karaoke
  - 3) Teen event: bonfire?
- IX. Tabled for future discussion and/or notes to carry forward:
- a. Don't do a Towns-giving event again: not enough attendees.
  - b. Need to determine what the town Vershire Day budget can cover as opposed to the Rec Comm budget for that event. We would like to do hot dogs again next year, but it was very expensive this year.
- X. Any other business:
- a. Vershire Trail: Upper Valley Trails alliance will be our facilitator. We will have a lower trail and an upper trail.
- XI. Kathy motioned to adjourn; Reva seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:47pm.