

## VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Date:** Wednesday, January 8, 2024

**Location:** Vershire Town Center

**Meeting Commenced:** 5:06pm

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:55pm

**Attendees:** Ken Bushey, Kathy Hooke, Ashleen Buchanan, Liz Thames, Reva Seybolt

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

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I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):

- a. Neva, a chronic disease specialist in White River, came to explore ways we might be able to work together
- b. She works on promoting healthy living activities in the Upper Valley. Also working on climate change as it relates to public health.
- c. She can provide data on how much people get outside. They also have a healthy living and eating toolkit
- d. Grants come from the department of health's central office and she can help with grant writing
- e. We are working on a grant for expansion of our Vershire Town Center trail with the Upper Valley Trails Alliance. This would be a two-loop, durable circle trail that's all on town property. We can have up to three letters of support.
- f. Kathy shared about the snowshoe-a-thon as the fundraiser for the summer camp

II. Review and approve December 4, 2024 meeting minutes:

- a. Ken motioned to approve; Reva seconded. The minutes were approved with no edits.

III. Ashleen Buchanan will join the Rec Committee as of January 8, 2025.

IV. Exercise Classes:

- a. Cancellations process: Kathy will send an email to all instructors regarding the cancellation process each week
- b. Payment process: will plan to pay instructors once at the end of each session
- c. Debrief on first yoga class
- d. Cleaning the floor after town meeting: Reva to look into this
- e. Liz created a new sign-in spreadsheet and Kathy will print it

V. Budget review:

- a. This is in the shared google budget doc under the tab "25-26."
- b. See actual budget (attached)
- c. Rec (and other committees) will present their budgets to the selectboard on Saturday, January 11 at 3pm
- d. Purchasing List of items to purchase before end of this Fiscal Year: movie screen, projector, cornhole game materials, badminton set, hockey nets.

VI. AARP Vermont Winter Placemaking grant (\$4,000 total):

- a. \$900 for food for events
- b. \$1,100 for trails kiosk at the trailhead of Flagpole Hill:
  - i. Trails kiosk is installed
- c. \$200 for administrative costs:
  - i. Maybe for insurance?
- d. \$100 for advertising:
  - i. Use this for QR code on snowshoe-a-thon postcard

VII. Upcoming Events & Event Debriefs:

- 1) Card/game nights:
  - a. There were very few attendees at the New Year's day game party
- 2) Santa December event:
  - a. Liz brought a new binder to track attendees, etc
- 3) Ice rink event in January:
  - a. Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> for ice rink event, 1-3pm
  - b. Hot dogs and burgers, hot cocoa, music, skating, and fun, bonfire
  - c. Buy a hockey net: Ken
- 4) Moonlight Meet-up hike up Flagpole Hill (you want to be approaching the full moon): people would come on snowmobiles, skis and snowshoes: Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>: 5-7pm:
  - a. Bonfire, hot dogs, hot cocoa at the top of Flagpole Hill. Snowshoers should meet at the trailhead on Taylor Valley Road
- 5) Contra dance will be Saturday, March 8 at 4-6pm

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. UV Trails grant:
  - i. Kathy will get community feedback and input on what the trail should look like and then in the application say what the trail would look like

XI. Kathy motioned to adjourn at 7:55pm and Reva seconded. The meeting was adjourned.