

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Location: Vershire Town Center

Meeting Commenced: 5:11pm

Meeting Adjourned: 6:10pm

Attendees: Kathy Hooke, Liz Thames and Liana Horster (guest)

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

- I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):
 - a. Liana Horster came to talk about her idea to organize a way for the town to grow our own food. She's interested in doing this potentially through the town plan.
 - b. Liana is also interested in finding a way to celebrate the volunteers of Vershire with food and music. A way to thank all of the town committees, the Fire Department, all of the volunteers who do things for the town, etc. Maybe this becomes an annual event of recognition. Bring food that people have grown?
 - i. Kathy asked if this could be after the farmer's market on a Sunday in late summer/early fall
 - ii. Have a storytelling component to the event?
- II. Review and approve April 2025 meeting minutes:
 - a. Consider a new meeting day?
 - b. Minutes approved without edit.
- III. Event Debriefs:
 - 1) Contra dance: Saturday, April 5 from 4-6pm:
 - a. It was great. Could we do this again? Maybe twice a year: fall and spring?
 - b. Just have water, no desserts (to make it easier)
 - 2) Easter Egg Hunt & Duck Race: Saturday, April 19 at 10am:
 - a. Lower attendance perhaps due to it being the day before Easter
 - b. Try to have it earlier in the month next year
- IV. Upcoming Events:
 - a. End-of-school party (include teens):
 - i. Last day of school confirmed as Thursday, June 12
 1. 4pm start
 2. Liz to book bounce house
 3. Liz to ask Ken if he wants to grill burgers this year
 - ii. Start the bounce house earlier for littles and have a teen party starting at ~7pm with a bonfire and hot dogs
 1. Need to have someone to stay late—who can do this?
 - b. Vershire Day: Saturday, July 5
 - i. Liz to book bounce house, dunk tank at 3pm
 - ii. Plan on doing the hot dogs for sale following the chicken BBQ (~7pm)
 1. Vershare might sell strawberry shortcake at this time too

- iii. Ken please ask the select board if they want us to book the band
 - iv. Do a Vershire Day pet photos contest
- V. Updates on Vershire Rec community survey class possibilities:
 - a. Indoor (start September):
 - i. Painting/drawing (Ms. Libby): Liz emailed
 - ii. Intro to quilting (Ashley): Liz emailed
 - iii. Getting Free (Reva, unpaid)
 - iv. Children's Activities (background check would be needed): Liz emailed
 - v. Karaoke (Maria): Liz emailed
 - vi. Yoga (fall): Liz emailed
 - b. Outdoor (start May):
 - i. Running Club (Kara): Ashleen to email
 - ii. Kids Sports Clinic (Greg Wilson): Ken to contact
 - iii. Walking group: Reva will consider leading this
- VI. Send out an email survey at the end of the exercise class sessions:
 - a. Based on what we learn from the survey, let's restart exercise classes in September and perhaps add one other class
 - b. Liz to draft this survey (include names and a box to check for if you're interested in teaching a class)
- VII. Challenger Soccer Camp at the Town Center:
 - a. Ashleen is heading this up
 - b. Do we need to have someone here to open the building during the camp? What is required of us during the camp itself?
- VIII. Review items to purchase before end of this Fiscal Year:
 - a. movie screen, projector, cornhole game materials, badminton set, hockey nets, soccer net: Ken to handle purchasing
 - b. Cornhole games: Ken to build four; Liz will take to Westshire for the art classes to paint
- IX. AARP Vermont Winter Placemaking
- X. RTP (recreational trails program) and UVTA (Upper Valley Trails Association) updates (as needed):
 - a. UVTA is willing to have trail crew come this summer to start building the trail up the hill behind the TCB. We would pay for this with the money we got from the Byrne Foundation. It's typically \$500/day for trail crew (\$2k total) and the goal is that the trail would be built by the end of the fall.
 - b. Kathy is considering asking the Byrne Foundation for more money for this
 - c. Ongoing maintenance: would be great if it could be mowed
- XI. Future event ideas:
 - 1) Adult prom

2) Karaoke

- XII. 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.
 - i. Do a Vershire Day pet photos contest
- XIII. Any other business
- XIV. Meeting was adjourned at 6:10pm