

VERSHIRE RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date and time: Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 5pm

Location: Vershire Town Center

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

Meeting commenced: 5:10pm

Meeting adjourned: 6:54pm

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Kathy Hooke, Reva Seybolt, Liz Thames

- I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):
 - a. No guest speakers present
- II. Review and approve June 2025 meeting minutes:
 - a. Reva motioned to approve; Kathy seconded. Minutes were approved without edit.
- III. Event Debriefs:
 - a. End-of-school party, Thursday, June 12, 4-9pm:
 - i. Need a better plan for volunteers staying late with the teens so that Ken isn't left alone to do all the clean-up
 - b. Vershire Day, Saturday, July 5:
 - i. Ice cream and hot dog sales went well
 - ii. Dunk tank needs adult supervision OR we don't have it again:
 1. Ask parents (in advance) to sign up for an hour? Have someone be in charge of the volunteers?
 - iii. Need a supervisor for the bounce house too
- IV. Upcoming Events:
 - a. It would be neat to have an "unstructured play" playgroup for kids and parents. Could this be at the town center after school? We would need a parent to host.
 - b. The Mountain School is hosting a fall festival with VerShare, part of which will be hosted at the school. There will also be a 5k.
 - i. They would like help with promoting it. Liz will follow-up with Liana
 - c. Santa Event: Saturday, December 6th, 2-4pm with tree lighting after:
 - i. Ken asked Nicole if her dad can be Santa—he can.
 - ii. Reva to ask Historical Society if they'd like to do their tree lighting at 4pm and VerShare if they'd like to do the holiday craft market
- V. We need to recruit additional volunteers to help us at events. Brainstormed list of possible event volunteers:
 - a. Samantha Roberts
 - b. The Gallisons
 - c. Suzanne and Rod
 - d. Thetford people
- VI. Pizza night/training, likely Friday, Sept 26:
 - a. Ken and Caro are willing to run this as a training open to anyone interested

- b. Ken will make the dough
- c. Ken or Kathy will reach out to Dan Wing, baker in Corinth
- d. Ken to reach out to Rosie for flour donations
- e. Liz to make a poster; training on how to use the pizza oven

VII. Community survey class possibilities:

- a. We are going to stick with just exercise classes for the time being as we do not have instructors stepping forward for other types of classes

VIII. Re-start exercise classes, possibly as soon as the week of September 22:

- a. We have a \$2k budget for these.
 - i. If we pay \$75 per class, we could do 26 classes total.
- b. Start with beginner yoga and Zumba, next up advanced yoga and strength training
- c. Need to reach out to the teachers (Kathy will do):
 - i. Ask Vanessa to teach beginner yoga (Kathy to reach out) and Zumba (Christine) at the same time
 - ii. Then move to Linda to teach advanced yoga (Kathy to reach out) and Ashleen to teach (strength training)
- d. Liz to make poster and post in listserve; draft email to past participants
- e. Ken to discuss insurance with Selectboard

IX. AARP Winter Placemaking Grant:

- a. Kathy can apply again for this same grant. She will ask for the AARP's recommendation on whether we should apply for this or for their trails grant

X. 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
 - i. Discussion and agreement that we might want to purchase sturdier (and more expensive) soccer nets that won't break so easily
- b. Cornhole games: Ken to build
- c. Kathy to bring a treasurer's report on our budget to our next meeting

XI. Trail updates:

- a. Trail has been started and will be completed this fall. Lots of bridges were put in
- b. Kathy has a vision for a small picnic pavilion on a portion of the trail (for the future)
- c. Perhaps Kathy will lead a "welcome to the trails" hike in October? Trails need to be completed, signed and blazed before then.

XII. Future event ideas:

- 1) Adult prom
- 2) Karaoke

XIII. Tabled for future discussion and/or notes to carry forward (as needed):

- a. No notes

XIV. Any other business:

- a. Liz needs to find receipts to give totals to Kathy for our budget
- b. Discuss budget at next meeting
- c. Ken to purchase liner for ice rink (we have the old one as a back-up but we need to make sure it doesn't have holes)
- d. Provide a donation to the Fire Department for all of their help: \$300 (Ken to confirm with selectboard)

XV. Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm:

- a. Reva motioned to adjourn; Kathy seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.