

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.