

## Vershire Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Wednesday, December 3, 2025

**Location:** Vershire Town Center

**Meeting commenced:** 5:15pm

**Meeting adjourned:** 6:45pm

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

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

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- I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):
  - No one present
- II. Review and approve November 2025 meeting minutes:
  - Reva moved to accept the minutes as written; Kathy seconded.
  - The vote to pass the minutes, without amendment, was unanimous.
- III. Event Debriefs (as needed):
  - No events to debrief
- IV. Upcoming Events:
  - Ice rink set-up will be Saturday, December 6:
    - 9am to help lay down the rink liner: Liz to post to listserve and Facebook
    - Santa event: Saturday, December 6 from 2-4pm with tree lighting after:
      - Nicole's dad is confirmed to be Santa: 3-3:30pm
      - Kathy, Reva and Liz will be there to staff it (arrive at 1:15)
      - Plastic tablecloths: Ken purchased
      - Liz to make cookie dough in advance
      - Wooden ornaments: Ken purchased
      - Coloring pages: Liz to print out
    - Historical Society will do their tree lighting at 4pm—Reva confirmed
  - January ice rink grand opening: Saturday, January 10, 1-3pm
    - Hot dogs, marshmallows, hot cocoa
- V. Potential Future Events:
  - Contra Dance in March?
    - Kathy to check with Tovan, David and The Mountain School
  - Indoor corn hole and board game night: March?
  - Pig Roast?
- VI. Exercise Classes:
  - Zumba will continue on Thursdays from 5:15-6:15pm with Christine in December:
    - TBD when we will re-start in 2026, pending Christine's schedule
  - Yoga classes: Kathy emailed Vanessa; Kathy to check with Linda and Aaron Hoopes

- If a Vershire teacher is not available, we may reach out to a teacher in Thetford

VII. AARP grant applications:

- Kathy plans to apply for the 2025 AARP Community Challenge grant:
  - Proposal is due in March 2026; show them the successes of our use of the past grant with trails work and exercise classes

VIII. Treasurer's budget report:

1. We anticipate having some surplus, which we can spend on:
  1. Soccer nets
  2. Exercise classes
  3. Maybe on trail work in the future
2. Unanimously approved a budget request of \$4,000 for FY 26-27. Any other expenses will be covered by our surplus.

IX. Trail updates/Patterson Mountain meeting

- Next step is to flag out zones for what needs to be mowed and cut:
  - Eileen Murphy has a draft of the Patterson town forest plan of what to do
    - They need to come to consensus on this plan and then will present it to the Rec Committee

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

XI. Any other business:

- Need to revise the mission of the Rec Committee to include all town properties