

Vershire Recreation Committee Minutes

Date: Thursday, January 8, 2026

Location: Vershire Town Center

Meeting commenced: 5:10pm

Meeting adjourned:

Agenda submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

Attendees: Ken Bushey, Kathy Hooke, Reva Seybolt, Liz Thames and guest Eileen Murphy

I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):

- Eileen Murphy and Kathy Hooke provided an interim report on Patterson Mountain:
 - There's been very positive engagement with all stakeholders and property owners. Eileen and Kathy are trying to maximize input on the Patterson town forest proposal:
 - They are defining the viewshed and are hoping to find a way to reclaim this it via clearing.
 - Access: there are legal rights-of-way, the Cross Rivendell trail and ATV access
 - Financing and Volunteer Support:
 - There's a short-term financial need to bring in some machinery in order to complete the clearing.
 - There are already folks willing to support this financially
 - There are folks willing to mow it annually
 - The overall objective is to reclaim the view, have a positive impact on the wildlife habitat, maintain and enhance recreational use, minimize erosion, look for ease and cost of maintenance
 - It is ~26 acres total
 - Ken will attend the next selectboard meeting to share that they've met with us and we've approved them to move ahead

II. Review and approve December 2026 meeting minutes:

- Kathy motioned to approve the minutes; Reva seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously with no edits.

III. Event Debriefs (as needed):

- Santa Event: went great! Seemed to work well to have Santa upstairs and the rest of the event downstairs

IV. Upcoming Events:

- January ice rink opening, Saturday, January 17, 1-3pm:
 - Need to purchase:
 - Hot dogs (80) and hot dog buns (80), Marshmallows, Cocoa mix

V. Exercise Classes:

- Zumba will continue on Thursdays from 5:15-6:15pm with Christine:

- Yes, Liz emailed
- Yoga classes: Kathy to reach out to Vanessa

VI. Treasurer's budget report

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

- Let's do a contra dance again

VIII. Any other business:

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