

Vershire Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Location: Vershire Town Center

Meeting Commenced: 5:09pm

Meeting Adjourned:

Meeting Attendees: Kathy Hooke, Reva Seybolt and Liz Thames

Minutes submitted by: Liz Thames, Rec Committee Secretary

I. Guest speaker slot (as needed):

- No guest speaker present

II. Review and approve August 2026 meeting minutes:

- Reva motioned to approve; Kathy seconded. Minutes were approved with no edits.

III. Event Debriefs (as needed):

- None

IV. Upcoming Events:

- Grow Food Together project: led by Kalyn and Gregory
 - Too late to do a contra dance this month
 - Event is Saturday, September 26; likely 6pm; cohosted by Rec and GFT Project:
 - Ken and Kathy are willing to make pizza in the oven
 - Kathy to take lead on making the fire, etc
 - Reva asked Grow Food Together project to send Liz the info for marketing
 - Potluck with free pizza; bring pizza toppings to share
 - Liz to make listserve posts and poster
- Fall Festival:
 - Reva will let the Mountain School know that we won't be hosting it
 - Reva plans to convene a meeting with TMS to touch base on town events in general and their schedule
- Trails Grand Opening in October:
 - Maybe Saturday the 17th or 24th
 - Kathy to let Liz know the info for marketing and a poster
- December Santa event:
 - Reva will ask VerShare if they'd like to host a holiday craft fair in the upstairs on the same day:
 - No one answered and so likely not
 - We'll plan for the first Saturday in December the 5th
 - Ask Ken to ask Nicole's dad if he can be Santa
- Future event idea: talent show or Karaoke and talent show/open mic night:
 - Jokes, baton twirling, recite a poem, sing a song, etc

V. Exercise Classes:

- No exercise classes June-August

- Perhaps restart classes in September:
 - Kathy to bring a budget report for us to make a determination
 - Need to discuss insurance
 - Nick to discuss insurance with Suzanne Maile
 - If we only do one session, let's do it in the winter

VI. Treasurer's budget report:

- Past notes for reference:
 - We have approximately \$10k in our reserves that is not allocated to trails; \$14k is allocated to trails:
 - \$12k from Byrne for Trails has all been spent
 - Thank you to Kathy for all of her hard work on this!
 - Ideally, we will use this \$10k is for capital improvements such as: soccer nets, horseshoe pits, etc
 - Kathy will fine tune the budget numbers to determine exact amounts

VII. Horseshoe League:

- Scott Gilman is interested in running a league that would entail a \$5 donation per night:
 - The Rec Committee would receive \$2 of each \$5 donation
 - Ken will talk with Scott about plans

VII. Trails updates/reports (as needed):

- Patterson Mountain view clearing:
 - The initial work will cost \$25k
 - After that, Chad Ward is willing to donate his time to maintain it
- AARP grant: we didn't receive this grant this year
 - Kathy has reached out to AARP to ask how we might position a future grant application
- Upper Valley Trails Alliance completed five days of work this summer on town center trail work and the lower trail to the post office
- Rivendell Trails Association: working on a re-route trail from the top of Patterson to connect south to the class 4 road that connects to Taylor Valley:
 - Already had two work days and will have several more
 - Should reintegrate the CRT into the elementary schools
- Would like to have a trail kiosk at the trailhead
- Plan is to re-apply for the Recreational Trails Program Grant next year

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

- Ken to look into having a "Vershire" day at Lake Morey with a discount for golf

XI. Any other business:

- Nick found a grant to apply for paving the Town Center parking lot since we are a park-n-ride due 9/22
 - Basketball hoop: where could this go if the lot was paved?
- Nick asked who is responsible for the playground: it is the Town Center committee:
 - Nick offered to investigate the playground for compliance and see what we might be able to improve
- Reva updated us on the tables:

- The veneer is not dry. We'll put them in the sun to dry and see if they're dry by the end of summer. If not, they'll need to be re-stripped.
- Town Center Freezers:
 - We have 4 total because the food shelf freezer was 2 degrees above the required temperature and needed to be replaced
 - Rec freezer has to be plugged in with extension cord, which is not ideal for the freezer

XII. Adjournment:

- Kathy motioned to adjourn; Reva seconded.
- Meeting was unanimously adjourned at 6:01pm