

Orange Vermont Recreation Committee  
Minutes for 9/18 at 6:30  
Orange Town Hall

In attendance: Eric Holmgren, Kristin Paya, Ginny Raboin, Michael Raboin, Sheila Stone, Kevin Wilson, David Gomo, Emily Ruff

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm by Holmgren.

Approve Agenda - Ruff requested potlucks be added to other business.

Select Secretary - Ruff was selected as Secretary.

Approve 8/14 Minutes - On a motion made by Holmgren and seconded by M Raboin, the 8/14 minutes were approved. All members present were in favor. It was determined that the Secretary for each meeting will send the completed draft minutes, which include the subsequent meeting agenda, to the members of the committee and the Town Clerk for circulation and posting.

Finalize Governance Policy - On a motion made by G Raboin and seconded by Wilson, the Governance policy was tabled until the 10/16/24 meeting. All members present were in favor. Holmgren will contact Youngman to obtain the edited version from the August meeting for circulation and review prior to the October meeting.

Fundraising Updates -

- Pie for Breakfast - G Raboin has tickets for sale and discussed the need for volunteers to sell tickets and to assist with the event itself. She suggested shifts on the day of the event of 9:30-11:30 and 11:30-1:30. Currently G Raboin, M Raboin, Gomo and Stone will be attending the full day, and more volunteers are encouraged. G Raboin has been soliciting support from local businesses and groceries, either for pies or supplies. She will be obtaining paper products to limit volunteer needs for washing. She will hold the accounting for the event, and Stone will cross check the numbers. Coffee, creamer, lemonade, and tea will be served as refreshments. Currently members Youngman, Anderson, Bancroft, Gomo, and Stone will make pies to contribute, and Paya and Wilson will provide purchased pies or pizzas. Ruff will provide black tea and instant tea-lemonade. Holmgren can obtain disposable pie tins from Sysco and other supplies needed; they must be ordered by the Thursday before the event. Wilson will ask the Assistant Town Clerk to put the event on the town board. G Raboin will prepare a flyer to circulate among committee members and the local schools.
- Coin Drop - Blais was not in attendance so some questions remained. Blais, M Raboin, G Raboin, Gomo, Paya and Stone are available to volunteer that day. Ruff has obtained some signs on loan from Barre Lions coin drop and is awaiting photos of their inventory.

Wilson has cones from the town, and some of the signs; he said others can be ordered by the Assistant Town Clerk with town funds but will need at least a week turn around. Ruff has bright safety vests for volunteers. Ruff suggested Blais holds a separate sub-committee meeting to update the group if the application status was approved in order to organize final details.

Discuss other fundraisers -

- Ruff introduced the Recreation Economy for Rural Communities grant and ideas were documented regarding recreation field updates. Other recreation opportunities ie town forest would be viable after the forester has completed his town forest plan. Ruff will bring the grant to the Grant Committee for additional review and prepare a draft. Ruff will solicit letters of support from Pam Burt/Mary Montour via the Church, from the CVRPC, and the CVEDC. The deadline is October 16th.
- Hunters breakfast, calcutta, and other fundraiser ideas were tabled.

Other business -

- Ruff suggested the committee host a non-fundraiser event to encourage connection among residents, such as a potluck. This will be tabled to the next meeting for review with a possible December date scheduled then.
- Wilson inquired whether there should be a treasurer for the committee and not just for the individual event. This was discussed in the context of the Governance Policy and will be tabled for that item's review in October.
- M Raboin requested discussion of other recreation activities - referencing the potluck, and other opportunities for the community to get out and recreate together. This will be included in the next agenda.

Select Moderator for October Meeting - On a motion made by Wilson and seconded by Stone, M Raboin was selected as the moderator for the October 16th meeting. All members present were in favor.

On a motion made by G Raboin and seconded by Holmgren, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm. All members present were in favor.