

Orange Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Orange Town Hall
5/30/2024, 6:30pm

1. Call meeting to order- Moderator Raboin called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

2. Approve Agenda- On a motion by Holmgren seconded by Wilson the agenda was approved unanimously.

3. Approve minutes from previous meeting- Wilson made a motion to approve the minutes seconded by Holmgren, the motion was voted down. Discussion followed where Coronado opposed any action taken at the last meeting with three people in attendance. Holmgren clarified if there is an action needed and 8 people are not in attendance, no action can be taken; no decisions made. Coronado made a motion to approve item 3 amending and adding a quorum needs to be met: Motion withdrawn. Youngman made a motion to as a committee to adopt as policy there will be no Chair or Vice Chair but a moderator that will rotate and a quorum present for a meeting to be binding, seconded by Cornado, by voice vote the motion passed.

4. Update board what was discussed in previous meeting- Raboin indicated at the previous meeting the only decision that was made was to have a moderator rotating for each meeting. Ruff asked if there were agenda items that arose between meetings how would that be handled. Raboin stated if anyone on the committee had items to be added emailing the whole committee would be the best in an effort for transparency.

5. Discuss Budget- Youngman shared the entire budget approved was to mow the fields and Clerks office. Historically the town doesn't want to pay for activities. The Selectboard creates the budget in September/October, we could create a budget and submit it to the Town for approval. Coranado mentioned a VT Humanities Grant opportunity, Holmgren stated figuring out projects to present with a budget would increase the chance for approval. Youngman indicated furniture for the gazebo would be nice, G. Raboin shared staining of the gazebo needs to be completed as well. Holmgren asked what happened to the budget for the Gazebo reporting the Gazebo was not supposed to be funded by the town. Wilson will work to obtain the Gazebo fund information.

6. Discuss Future Plans- Raboin indicated organizing celebrations for semi quincennial 2026 and 2031 the 250th celebration of the town. Youngman advised previously activities were poorly attended. Cornado recommended a sub committee for members that don't want to do trail work. Blais mentioned an open house to showcase the gazebo once completed would be nice.

7 Update on past plans- Youngman spoke to the trail system and their 5-year plan. G. Raboin shared no minutes or agendas were documented in town records. Ruff mentioned that they were emailed, Youngman added the potential they were emailed to her old email address for the town.

8. Discuss other business- Youngman indicated she will begin to draft a document for the structure for the committee. She will distribute prior via email to all of the members for review. The Committee organized a hike to walk the trails of the town forest. Interested members will meet at the gate June 9th @ 3pm.

9. Choose moderator, determine agenda, and choose date and time for next rec. committee meeting- Youngman nominated Janis Blais as moderator, seconded by Anderson, voted unanimously. Next meeting Wednesday, June 19, 2024 @ 6:30pm.

10. Adjourn- Anderson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm seconded by Paya, voted unanimously.

Next Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve Minutes
4. Recreation Committee Policy Review/Discuss
5. Review Town Forest Maps
6. Budget Discussion/Consider Fundraiser for Gazebo
7. Adjournment