

Minutes of Orange Recreation Committee Meeting
October 16, 2024 6:30 pm
Orange Town Hall

In attendance: Mike Raboin, Kevin Wilson, Dave Gomo, Ginny Raboin, Dirk Anderson, Lee Youngman, Janis Blais, Kristin Paya, Betzy Bancroft

Call to order – by Mike at 6:35

Ginny made a motion to amend the agenda to move selection of the secretary to the beginning of the agenda. Betzy seconded. Motion carried.

1. Select Secretary

Lee volunteered. Dirk made a motion to nominate Lee to serve as secretary for this meeting. Janis seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Approve agenda:

On a motion made by Kevin and seconded by Ginny, the agenda was approved as amended.

3. Approve minutes from 9/18/24:

On a motion made by Kristin and seconded by Janis, the minutes were approved as presented. Lee abstained.

4. Finalize Governance policy:

The edits proposed at the August 14th, 2024 meeting were incorporated. Lee will circulate for final review and send it to Town Clerk Chelsea Magwire and Select Board Chair Steve Simpson to get it on the next SB agenda. Lee will also attend the select board meeting when it is discussed.

5. Review Recreation Grant:

Emily sent an email saying there is no money to fund the grant she had discussed at the September meeting. We are not eligible for this. No action taken. We will add recreation grants to the next agenda.

6. Report on October Fundraising event:

Ginny reported that we raised \$685.00, and she felt the event was well attended, considering all of the competing local events. We sold a lot of pies and donated the leftovers to the Boy scouts upcoming pie sale. Ginny recognized the efforts of Dave, Betzy, Sheila, Tim, Mike and Ginny, Kevin, Philo and Chloe Raboin and Colton Wild (who served and cleaned up). Attendees provided positive feedback. Mike suggests next year we hold it in the spring. There were a lot of other fundraisers on that day. Eric donated take out containers and attendees appreciated the takeout option. Ginny would like the minutes to reflect that Missy Wild came on Thursday night, and they made 17 pies in advance. Chelsea Welch picked up the donation from Hannafords (all the pie crusts and some pizza) and took supplies and made 13 pies. Shaws donated \$50 gift card and Price Chopper donated \$25 gift card, Dominoes – 4 pizzas and Peggy Thompson donated 4 pies. Walmart donated pies. Emily donated tea. The committee recognized Ginny for her efforts to organize, get the word out and keep volunteers organized.

Janis reported our application for a coin drop was denied by Agency of Transportation (Michelle Redmond) because we don't have a road with a 45 mile an hour speed limit. Dave questioned why we couldn't post it temporarily. Kevin says it is only allowed for construction zones. We could

consider doing it in front of the rec field on Reservoir Rd, but it's not a through road anymore and doesn't get the traffic it used to get.

7. Discuss upcoming Fundraising plans:

The committee members discussed future fundraisers. We considered a Hunters Breakfast and concluded no one had the capacity to do this this year. We will move Pie for breakfast to spring and look at a Hunters Breakfast next fall. Dave suggested a spaghetti dinner for after the new year. Lee agreed to help with that even. We agreed to discuss our budget at the next meeting to present to the select board in advance of budget discussions. Kristin suggests we combine car show with a vendor show similar to what Williamstown just put on. Think about late winter fundraiser. Bottle drop?

8. Discuss upcoming recreation activities:

Committee members discussed combining a sugar on snow and easter egg hunt? Do it by donation? Look for syrup donation? Easter is April 20th so look at the 19th? Consider Christmas tree lighting? What about the first Saturday in December? Friday night, Dec 6th, 6-7:30. Coloring for kids, Lee will ask Steve Beede to help. Sledding party? Lee, Betzy and Janis can plan a snowshoe tour of the town forest trails. Can we legally kayak on the reservoir? Canoe/kayak tour of reservoir. We will begin to plan these events at the next meeting.

9. Other business:

Committee members agree that it's important to keep funds we raise for recreation events separate from the general fund, and will work with the town clerk to ensure funds are deposited to the recreation fund. Ginny reported she asked Chelsea to deposit Pie for Supper funds into the recreation fund.

Mike updated the committee that he talked with the forester. Mike has been talking to the planning commission and put the forester in touch with them.

10. Select a moderator for the next meeting:

Betzy nominated Kristin, Janis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

11. Determine agenda for the November 20, 2024 meeting:

Call to order
Select secretary
Approve agenda
Approve minutes from 10/16/2024
Report back on guidance doc
Talk about town budget ask
Upcoming fundraising ideas
Pick a date for snowshoeing tour and other rec activities
Organize tree lighting
Other business
Select moderator
Determine agenda
Adjourn

On a motion made by Ginny and seconded by Janis, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01.

Respectfully submitted: Lee Youngman