

Town of Orange Recreation Committee Meeting 1/15/25

Present: Dave Gomo, Eric Holmgren, Kristin Paya, Mike Raboin, Ginny Raboin, Emily Ruff, Sheila Stone, Kevin Wilson, Betzy Bancroft

1. **Call to Order:** At 6:33 Moderator MR called the meeting to order.
2. **Select recording secretary:** BB volunteered to take minutes.
3. **Approve Agenda:** KW made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded DG, EH; approved
4. **Approve minutes from the 12/18/24 meeting:** KW made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded DG; approved
5. **Discuss Rec Committee Report:** KW recommended we take all the names of individual committee members out, acknowledging the Committee as a group/team. Everyone was in agreement with this except for non-committee members who contribute special effort. GR pointed out that our thank you to Chelsea for singing at the tree lighting was exactly such a situation so we all agreed that part should be left in the report. BB offered to communicate with Dirk about the updates; GR made a motion to accept the report with the discussed revision, leaving in our thanks to Chelsea; seconded KW?; approved
6. **Revisit the date of our meeting:** Since there were a few committee members not present and the point of revisiting the meeting date is to include everyone in the decision, BB made a motion to reschedule this vote until the March meeting. That way any new members who join as of Town Meeting will also have a chance to choose the meeting date. GR seconded; approved.
7. **Finalize Governance document:** SS and KW attended the Select Board meeting this week, SB working on rental policy for Town Hall. SB agrees with the Rec Committee's revisions of the Governance doc, waiting on final draft. ER made a motion to accept the Gov doc; KW seconded; approved; KW will inform this approval to SB.
8. **Finalize planning for snowshoe tour of town forest:** since two of three people interested in this activity were unable to make this meeting, EH suggested the snowshoe hike become an informal activity; BB agreed to reach out to Janis and Dirk and make a plan for the trails, host the hike on the same days planned 2/8 for checking on the trails and 2/22 for hike. EH made a motion to plan unofficial snowshoe on 2/22, ER seconded; approved. EH may be able to help with trails on Mondays, keep him in the loop.
9. **Finalize planning for Easter Egg Hunt:** Date was discussed because Barre is also doing a well-attended Easter egg hunt in the morning on 4/19. Decision to host Easter egg hunt on 4/19 afternoon at 2 PM, maybe use the school field and cafeteria. SS, GR agreed to take on planning; with help from DG washing the eggs and candy donation from EH. Will plan for one golden egg with \$10 donated by DG. Snacks and refreshments to be discussed at February meeting. Advertise at Town Meeting.
10. **Revisit the idea of a kayak/canoeing day on the reservoir:** Information from the Town of Barre states clearly that no watercraft of any kind is permitted on the reservoir, so it was agreed that this plan is not happening.
11. **Planning for more activities, fundraisers:**
 - KP working on researching car shows; question about dampness at our Rec Field; possible other locations? Thinking September date, maybe 9/5-7, to be discussed further at March meeting.
 - Hunters' breakfast on Nov 15 will be revisited at a future meeting.
 - Spaghetti dinner scheduled for May 17th from 5-7 PM; DG volunteered meat sauce, BB volunteered meatless sauce; GR shared excellent strategies for cooking pasta; agreement to also serve salad, garlic bread and cookies; eat in at Town Hall or take out; Will discuss more details at Feb meeting.
12. **Other business:** SS showed everyone a photo of Wendy Daggett's beautiful new painting on the town sign, and updated the Committee that the sign is almost ready to put up.
13. KW made motion to select MR as moderator for February meeting; SS seconded; approved.
14. **Agenda** for next meeting on ^{2/19/25} at 6:30 PM
1. Call to order

- 2. Select recording secretary
- 3. Approve Agenda
- 4. Approve minutes from 1/15/25 meeting
- 5. Finalize showshoe plan
- 6. Finalize Easter egg hunt plan
- 7. Discuss spaghetti dinner plan, car show plan, hunters' breakfast plan
- 8. Other business

15. GR made motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM; KW seconded; approved.