

**TOWN OF ORANGE
RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Orange Town Hall
March 19th, 2025; 6:30pm**

Attendance: Eric Holmgren , Dave Gomo, Kevin Wilson, Sheila Stone, Janis Blais, Emily Ruff, Rod Coronado, Michael Raboin Jr., Ginny Raboin

Guest: Kristin Paya

1. Call the meeting to order - Mr. Gomo called the meeting to order at 6:31pm. **2. Approve agenda** - Ms Ruff noted. She and Mr. Coronado would need to leave partway into the meeting and asked if agenda item 8 and nine could be moved to the beginning. Mr. Holmgren made a motion to move up agenda item 8 and 9 after agenda item for second in by Mr. Coronado. On unanimous vote agenda item 8 and nine were moved. It was noted that agenda item number four approved the minutes from February 10, 2025 was a typo. The recreation committee members approved the minutes of February 19, 2025.

3. Select Secretary - Ms. Ruff made a motion for Ms. Raboin to act as secretary seconded by Janis Blais for the no discussion and by unanimous vote the motion passed.

4. Approve Minutes from 02.10.2025 - Mr. Holmgren made a motion to approve the minutes from 02. 19. 2025, seconded by Mr. Wilson. With no discussion, the motion passed.

8. Town Forest update - Ms. Blais noted she snowshoed with Lee, Dirk and Betzy. The trail was well marked, the snow was very deep and they were

unable to clear the blown down trees. Someone orange blazed the trees. Mr. Raboin noted the State Forrester did not blaze trees, Mr. Holmgren indicated perhaps the house nearest to the trails blazed the trees. Mr. Holmgren noted that the regional planning commission is working on mapping the trails. Mr. Raboin advised the State Forrester is working on a rough management plan and will be bringing it to the town for input. Mr. Holmgren noted that the management plan will be brought to the town in another meeting, there will be time for public input and the Selectboard will need to approve the plan. This is not a quick process.

Mr. Wison suggested using material the town currently has and isn't using to bring the entrance back to a class 4 road and will reach out to the Selectboard for approval.

9. Pick Meeting Day/Time - vote - Ms. Raboin made a motion to continue meeting the third Wednesday of the month at 6:30pm, seconded by Mr. Raboin and the moderator asked for discussion. After continued discussion. Ms. Ruff made a motion to move the meeting to the third Monday of the month at 6:30, this motion was not seconded and did not move forward. Ms. Rabpom made a motion to move the meeting to the first Wednesday of the month seconded by Ms. Ruff. voted unanimously. The next meeting is April 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM.

5. Welcome new members - No new members.

6. Finalize Easter Egg Hunt - Mr. Gomo noted he filled 500 eggs with candy that Mr. Holmgren supplied. Mr. Gomo noted five golden eggs, each egg

having a different surprise. Mr. Gomo further noted that 400 eggs were washed. Ms. Stone shared that she has secured crafts and a popcorn machine for snacks. Ms. Raboin noted some activities were prepared in case of inclement weather. The committee discussed meeting at noon at the soccer field to hide the eggs and prepare the school. Sheila Stone, Tim Stone, Dave Gomo, Michael Raboin, and Ginny Raboin will be attending and hosting the event.

7. Spaghetti Dinner Event - May 17, 2025, 4:30-6:30 is the date for this event. Mr. Gomo will be providing sauce, Mr. Wilson will be providing the pasta Ms. Blais and Ms. Stone will be reaching out for donations of bread, butter and cookies. Ms. Blais noted she will check the paper products in the closet to ensure that there is enough for the event.

10. Other business - Mr. Raboin suggested meeting at the Recreation Field to gather ideas from the committee members to plan for drainage and updates to the field. The committee members decided to meet informally, the next evening (3/20), and emailed those members not in attendance an invitation to meet at the field. Ideas will be brought to the next meeting for discussion.

Ms. Raboin noted a car show was discussed previously and asked if there was interest in pursuing that event. Ms. Paya asked what time of year the committee would want to host, late summer or early fall was discussed.

Ms. Stone recommended utilizing the pizza oven at the school to host a community pizza night. Mr. Raboin suggested pairing this with a movie night as well. This potential event will be reviewed in the future.

11. Select Moderator for the next meeting - Ms. Blais made a motion to appoint Mr. Gomo as moderator, seconded by Ms. Stone, so voted.

12. Determine Agenda for the next meeting -

- 1. Call the meeting to order**
- 2. Approve Agenda**
- 3. Select Secretary**
- 4. Approve the minutes of 03.12.2025**
- 5. Finalize Easter Hunt details**
- 6. Plan/Discuss Spaghetti Dinner details (05.17.2025; 4:30-6:30pm)**
- 7. Plan/Discuss a Pizza Night/Movie Night event**
- 8. Recreation Field**
- 9. Town Forest**
- 10. Select Moderator for the next meeting**
- 11. Determine Agenda for the next meeting**
- 13. Adjourn**

13. Adjourn - Ms. Raboin made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gomo. By unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:25pm.