

**MINUTES May 2025**  
**FERRISBURGH RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Location: Town Hall & Virtual

Date:

Rescheduled May 19, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

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*Kurt Haigis is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting. Join Zoom Meeting*

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88094052795?pwd=RFBPN3R5eGpMb04xc0JvOEw4VFdwdz09>

Meeting ID: 880 9405 2795

Passcode: 330690

Attendees: Invited – Kurt Haigis, Martha Davis, Tim Bicknell; Guests: Heidi Willette, Lindsey Brown

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6 PM. **6:03**

II. ROLL CALL. ***Kurt Haigis, Martha Davis, Tim Bicknell, Heidi Willette, Lindsey Brown***

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING

***Tim motions for approval, Martha seconds, unanimous approval***

IV. OPEN ISSUES

A. Establishing a way to accept donations electronically: PayPal

- Need to discuss with town treasurer and town clerk, are there any legal barriers to using  
- Tim B. Update?

***Still no response from treasurer per Tim; Lindsey mentioned she was told that we should ask select board for approval; committee feels best to have it be committee/town account, no personal acct.; Lindsey did a little research and found some towns in VT use PayPal; Tim will look/ask for more information; more to come***

B. Fundraising ideas brought forward by Lindsey Brown

***To be further discussed at future meetings, September, perhaps as early as August meeting***

1. **Wreath Decorating Contest and Auction -**

- **planning starts in September/October**
- **Event first weekend in December**
- **Lindsey to take lead on planning**

A Wreath Decorating Contest and Auction held during the first week of December either on site or at town hall. This event could become a cherished community tradition, bringing people together to support the rink's upkeep.

Event Overview:

- Wreath Materials Donation: Partner with a local tree farm / business to donate wreath-making materials, such as evergreen clippings and wreath frames. This generous contribution ensures that all registration fees directly support the fundraiser.
- Registration: Participants register for the event with a fee (amount to be determined), which will be entirely profit for the fundraiser due to the donated materials.
- Decoration: Participants provide their own decorative items to personalize their wreaths, encouraging creativity and individual expression.
- Display & Judging: In the evening, we display the completed wreaths for public viewing, and judges select a winner based on creativity and craftsmanship.
- Auction: Following the judging, auction off the decorated wreaths to local businesses and community members, allowing them to showcase the festive creations throughout the holiday season.
- Prizes: Secure a prize donated by a local business or create an annual trophy to honor the winner.
- Community Engagement: Enhance the festive atmosphere of the judging & auction by offering hot cocoa, coffee, and baked goods for sale. Possibly have Santa available for pictures.

Benefits:

- Fundraising: With materials donated, the registration fees and auction proceeds will significantly contribute to the rink's annual operational costs.
- Community Involvement: Engages local businesses and residents, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.
- Visibility: Auctioned wreaths displayed in local businesses serve as ongoing promotion for the ice rink and its supporters throughout the holiday season.

(Lindsey willing to take charge on organizing above events)

**2. Once a year we could host a Winter Fun Weekend featuring:**

- **Timing: mid- to end- January**
- **Planning: 3 months prior, October**
- A cozy concession stand with hot cocoa, coffee, and locally baked treats.
- Family-friendly ice activities, such as Ice-skating games (think "Red Light, Green Light" or a "Penguin Shuffle Race"). Reserved time for pick-up hockey or broom ball.
- Free skate time for everyone to enjoy.
- Music to liven up the rink—either a playlist of winter favorites or local musicians showcasing their talent!

**3. Request funds from the town:**

- **January 15th (?) deadline to town**
- **start collection of signatures in September**
- **[W Copy of Petition for Ferrisburgh Rink.docx](#)**

See attached, draft based on what Pam provided that other organizations requests look like. We would need to secure 124 signatures. (\$1,200 potential)

C. Upkeep needed this spring

- Repairs to ramp and boards and liner

Early June date (will establish date at May meeting) to repair ramp and boards, reseal exit drainage pipe, repaint shed, paint lines for BBall and Pickle Ball  
Kurt to contact Point Bay Marina for possible liner recycle; discussed other options for liner - TBD

**June 14th, 8 a.m. - until ?; Rain date or additional date June 28th, 8 a.m.;**  
**Post to WhatsApp for volunteers;**

**Task list:**

- repair ramp (if Tim hasn't completed)**
- repair boards**
- reseal exit drain**
- repaint shed trim (white)**
- paint lines for pickle ball and BBall**
- install shelves in shed**

**Material/tools:**

- screw guns/screws**
- paint brush/rollers/paint pans**
- white exterior paint**
- colored paint for courts (?at VUHS)**
- push brooms**
- waterproof sealer**
- scrap 2x4 for board braces**

**Liner disposal:**

- ?ACSWD recycle**
- Donate for backyard rink once inspected**
- dispose of at district dump**

- Storage of winter equipment/summer equipment to facility

Martha will store skates in next couple of weeks; will contact Pete M to see if shed contents can be cleaned to make more room for rink storage; Shelving addition should be done to organize

- **DONE**
- **? If AU has cleaned out shed, looks to be some items removed**

- *will reorganize shed storage as able*

D. Green Up Day and plan to collect returnables - Update on can drive

*Can/bottle Drive: \$103.50; plus \$70 from prior drop offs; \$173.50 dropped at town by Lindsey*

*Will post results on FaceBook and FPF*

#### V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Select Board approved appointment to FRC of: Kurt Haigis, Tim Bicknell, Martha Davis, Heidi Willette, Lindsey Brown

*WELCOME Heidi and Lindsey!*

B. Vote on Member positions: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, FCS Liason

*Unanimous votes for the following:*

*FRC Members:*

*Chair: Martha Davis*

*Vice-Chair: Tim Bicknell*

*Secretary: Kurt Haigis*

*Treasurer: Lindsey Brown*

*FCS Liason: Heidi Willette*

*Current member positions June 2025- May 2026; next annual voting for positions May 2026*

C. *Disc Golf Course - Heidi asks if this has ever been discussed as FRC option? To be discussed next meeting*

V. ADJOURNMENT. *6:46 pm*

**\*\* Zoom access shut off at 6:21 pm as no one had joined the meeting via Zoom**

#### VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

A) Fundraising ideas - additional

B) Long term strategic planning - feasibility of maintaining ice in winters

C) Another related topic raised: committee website? GoDaddy has free platform for non-profit (future business)

D)

#### VII: FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

A) Grants

<https://accd.vermont.gov/community-development/funding-incentives/better-places?emci=113fb772-fa95-ee11-8925-002248223f36&emdi=96717e18-2f98-ee11-8925-002248223f36&ceid=8296319>

<https://fpr.vermont.gov/recreation/recreation-grants/vorec-community-grant-program>

<https://fpr.vermont.gov/land-and-water-conservation-fund>

<https://bgs.vermont.gov/sites/bgs/files/2021%20Building%20Communities%20Grants%20Programs%20One%20Pager-FINAL.pdf>

<https://www.pps.org/community-placemaking/jgrants#subscribe>

**Fox Rock**

<https://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/recreation-economy-rural-communities-2024-application#eligibility>

<https://www.t-mobile.com/brand/hometown-grants>. **\*\* NON MATCHING\*\***