

MINUTES February FERRISBURGH RECREATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Location: Town Hall & Virtual

Date: Feb 6, 2025

Time: 6:00pm

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

Group Interested in volunteering

I. CALL TO ORDER – 6 PM. **6:05 pm**

II. ROLL CALL. **Tim, Kurt, Martha**

Visitors: Kat Clear, Lindsey Brown in person

Heidi Willette and Kim Daniels via zoom

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM LAST MEETING (September)

Tim motions for approval, Kurt seconds - unanimous approval

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Kurt, Martha and Tim gave history and overview of rink facility and Recreation Committee

- A) Budget discussion: **see attached budget**

A) <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/17aMTDS7wSs60zi2utPZHcvJlmoMoq8tvKfQ8u18ni6k/edit>

a) current balance

b) Budget Spreadsheet - estimated annual costs; wishlist budget

- **\$200 donation from FCS PTO**
- **suggestion from Lindsey to get on Town Meeting line item for 2026, suggested amt \$1200, need 124 signatures**

B) Volunteer tasks:

a) fall rink prep (check goals/boards, put skates/crates in warming hut, sharpen skates if possible, sweep surface)

- b) liner/boards/flooding in place
- c) rink maintenance (snow removal; resurfacing with water, fixing ice as needed)
- d) removal/storage of liner/ boards at end of season; clean surface
- e) switch out skates/crates for basketball, pickleball

- ***rink volunteer organization ideas: ivolunteer (fee) , WhatsApp (free)***

C) Need for new/additional Recreation Committee members

- a) help with all above facility tasks
- b) attend monthly meetings;
- c) maintain budget
- d) fundraising: donations, grants, grant writing
- e) communication with public (FPF, Facebook, school newsletter, etc)
- f) communication with select board
- g) ??

- ***Suggestion from Lindsey to have FCS liason member***
- ***Any one interested in being committee member will need to write a letter of interest and intent to be member to bring to Select board***
- ***Lindsey Brown: interested in volunteer and committee member***
- ***Heidi Willette: interested in volunteer and Committee member***
- ***Kat Clear: interested in volunteer and ? Maybe at-large committee member***
- ***Kim Daniels: interested in volunteer***

**** visitors left the meeting after above discussions**

D) Donation offer for propane heater from Bunky Bernstein - discussion of accepting or not

- ***discussion amongst Tim, Kurt, Martha about donation offer; unanimous in declining offer due to concerns about storage, safety, maintaining propane tanks; Martha to send email to Bunky and Carol Bernstein***

E) Discussion for member roles, expanded positions, voting rights

- ***Kurt, Martha and Tim discussed ideas for Recreation Committee structure and charge***
- ***reviewed town of Vergennes Rec Committee for some guidelines***
- ***agrees upon: 5 voting members: Chair, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Secretary, FCS Liason; minimum 3 members needed for quorum with Chair, Treasurer, Secretary; and unlimited at-large members without voting privileges***
- ***Will put out email to those already identified as interested, on Facebook page and FPF posting; those interested to email Martha***
- ***those interested need to write letter of intent to provide to Selectboard***

- *attend or send intent to run for position at May FRC meeting, can be nominated or self-nominate for one of 5 positions or elect at-large position*
- *Martha to write up memorandum describing FRC Charge and Structure to be voted on at March meeting*

V. ADJOURNMENT. 7:29 pm

VI. FUTURE BUSINESS

- A) Fundraising ideas
- B) Long term strategic planning - feasibility of maintaining ice in winters
- C)
- 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****

<https://www.aarp.org/livable-communities/community-challenge/info-2025/2025-challenge.html#listTitleTwo>

