

Enosburg Community Recreation Committee



Date: November 15, 2017

Attendees: Shawna Lovelette, Steve Wadsworth, Jenn Burns, & Polly Rico

Guests: Stacy Carpenter, Amy Brewer

Topic	Discussion	Action
Welcome/Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting called to order at 5:04. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Minute Approval	No quorum from last meeting to vote on minutes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Add to December meeting
Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> None to report today 	
Rec Director Transition/Board Transition Needs	<p>Tristan Bryce is potentially interested in becoming a Board Member What do we do about a Rec Director?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wyatt Laroe's name came up. He's in school at the moment. Can we advertise beyond the Courier? Messenger? Online like at Indeed.com? \$7000 from school might be a stretch...but we might still be able to get something from them. We're picking up some of the school's expenses such as young kids basketball and soccer. Grants could help offset programming costs. For example, Wild & Scenic could offset what school might not be able to contribute. Things to fix prior to bringing new person on...person onsite 2 days/week. Maybe add that to the job announcement. Upstairs office might eventually be usable...but there's a barrier that needs addressing. Is there a computer up there that would be usable? Job description: 15hours per week, expected set hours in office. Open up to outside Enosburgh residents. Can we post at local colleges? (Castleton has Recreation Mgmt program) <p>Jenn's official last day is this Friday, but she can be a continued</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shawna will reach out to Tristan. Amy will reach out to Billie Jo reexamine the ad and publish it. Polly will ask Billie Jo about if there is a computer to use upstairs. Polly will bring Jenn's name as a recommendation for board member at next Selectboard meeting.

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	<p>resource.</p> <p>Shawna moves at Jenn’s request that we appoint Jenn as a community member at large board member. Steve seconds. All in favor. None opposed. Welcome back Jenn.</p>	
<p>Budget Building/Future Planning</p>	<p>Using the survey from Harvest Fest, additional feedback, and an estimation of current feasibility, the initial list of activities to pursue in 2018 are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Snowshoe event (Feb/March): this should be a free event because the space is free, the leader is a volunteer (thanks Steve!), and there are snowshoes for loan at the library and school. We need to double check with the Country Club to be sure we can use their space again this year. • 1-time Bus Trip to Jay Peak/Smuggs (Jan/March): this would be just providing transportation – parents would need to go with their kids and tickets would be their responsibility. (cost covered by bus tickets) • Ice Rink (Jan/March): all players (Rec and Selectboard) seem to be supportive. Maple Park might be the right location. Last year, the trouble was the idea came to the Selectboard AFTER “anti-freeze” was added to fire hydrants for winterization. This time, we’ll need to talk to them immediately to coordinate. If it’s going to be at Maple Park, we’ll need permission from the Village. (cost would include materials necessary to build rink) • Basketball (Jan/March): We are already planning this, but the board members will have to take charge until a new director is hired. Once we have secured a coach (Wyatt or recommended parent), we will use Jenn’s created templates and put the information out on FB and through school. We will work with Julie Snider to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shawna will contact the Country Club to get permission for snowshoeing/cross country skiing • Shawna will call Jay Peak/Smuggs to get a sense of how this might be done or if there are discounts available • Shawna will follow up with the fire department to ask about winterization and the ice rink. • Steve will follow up with Jonathan to ask about process for using Maple Park for the ice rink. • Shawna will follow up with Lion’s Club about the Lion’s Club <p>Flush out some of these sooner items next agenda (snowshoe/walking group/ice rink)</p> <p>Build budget for next meeting.</p>

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	<p>coordinate gym time. Cost is covered by registration fees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Biking program/Helmet program (April/May): Coordinate with RiseVT to bring a bike campaign to the community. Maybe coordinate with LEAPS afterschool program. Perhaps a bike rodeo before school is out. Add in a complementary family bike program in collaboration with Local Motion and provide free helmets. Ms. Lussier has said she's supportive of this. Bikes are free using Local Motion bike trailer and school has bikes too. RiseVT might help with free helmets. Cost could be in food/prizes for events. • Family Movie Nights (June-August): Shoot for 3 movie nights following Town Band nights in summer. Costs could include 1 time cost of projector and/or screen solution. • Open Gym Nights: would be great to have unstructured open gym nights for families, seniors, whomever. Could look into coordinated with school, Building Bright Futures or senior groups. Cost might include rental fee for gym, but it could be minimal. • Food programming (Aug/Sept): We could offer programming focused on preserving/processing food in collaboration with Healthy Roots/RiseVT. It is also possible that nutritionists from VT Dept. of Health could participate for free. Healthy Roots might have funds for food. Costs could include supplies, space, and/or instructor. • Community Garden (summer): this program may be completely run by the Lion's Club at this point. We just need to determine if they continue to need our support or not. (free to low cost) • Community Hikes (summer/fall): We could coordinate with Enosburgh Conservation Commission? Town Forest might not be fully ready – it's partly marked/blazed. NRPC helps with mapping and there are 	

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	<p>grants that might help complete the trail development process. Free events, but limited local hiking other than MVRT & Brownway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soccer (September/October): continue as done historically. Registration covers cost. • Fitness Trail around Rec fields: This was created some years ago, but it is starting to be overgrown and not appealing to use. Could it be paved? Could it have fitness signs (RiseVT might be able to help with Fitness Signs). This is something to be investigated and could be expensive, but there could also be grants that might support it. • Babysitting class: to be investigated. St. Albans Rec offers it for \$80/participant and does not include first aid. • Fun Runs: continue trying to do these. Cost is minimal (water/food/prizes) or could include purchasing timing supplies. 	
<p>Basketball/Winter Initiatives/SRTS</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basketball: Shawna texted Wyatt to see if he's interested in coaching. He might be interested but it depends on his course load. Amy Gervais recommended a parent that might be good. • Volunteer checking – St. A pays to be a part of a database to check volunteers. • Ice Rink: is it under town's insurance? How do other towns handle it? • Winter snowshoe event with RiseVT: Stacy shared that the January – March "Show Up Events" will be mostly family focused, outdoors, and hopefully interesting to a wider population of people. She'd like to bring a snowshoe event to Enosburgh but is looking for a leader. Steve volunteered to lead a snowshoe activity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amy will follow up with Williston • Shawna will talk to Jonathan Elwell about ice rink potential • Polly will call Montgomery, St. Albans and find out about liability • Steve and Stacy will coordinate surrounding a snowshoe event

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safe Routes to School is supported in theory by school, but there are some logistics to work through. 	
Enosburg Business Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greta Brunswick is coming to Selectboard to present the idea for the Better Connections grant. She already attended trustees and received buy-in. The grant will be proposing a downtown master plan including wayfinding. It might include historic location markers, informational kiosks at park, secondary ones at river/rail trail. Morrisville and Johnson have great maps/kiosks as examples. • Initiative is trying to find early/simple wins to maintain momentum. VT Dept. of tourism might even provide moveable kiosks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring back in December for a letter of recommendation from us
Other:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation Consortium – Stacy shared that she’s involved in the formation of a Franklin County recreation sharing collaboration. Initiatives might include a regional calendar, regional sharing in volunteering checking, etc. One example of collaboration might be in highlighting the MV Rail Trail, as an example. First official meeting is December 6th at 10:30-noon at St. Albans City Hall. This came out of economic revitalization. Spread the word. All are welcomed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
Other?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer background checks – Polly contacted St. Albans Rec to see how they do it. They subscribe to a database. 	
Next Steps	<p>Next regular meeting: 12/20 at 5:00pm, Enosburgh Emergency Services Building</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • budget building/year-long planning