

Present: Commissioners Kristina Carr, Dave Hattenbrun, Lisa Jerkowski, Claudia Joseph, Kieran Liggan-Casey, Reta Sorge; Commissioner-elect Frank Klepeis; Recreation Clerk Dorene Whitaker; Town Board Liaison Ashley Sweeney.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Approval of prior minutes:** C. Joseph moved that the minutes from the November 2025 meeting be approved. Seconded by L. Jerkowski. All in favor.

2. **Tree planting:** K. Carr reported that she has been unable to discover who is responsible for the professionally planted line of trees which appeared at the southern border of the baseball field last fall. Neighbors and the DEC have no knowledge. We will consider the trees a mystery gift and will continue to monitor them.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Update of member contact list:** List was circulated and members made any needed updates.

2. **Frank Klepeis re-appointment:** Due to a paperwork glitch, Frank will not be approved by the Town Board until their February meeting. Therefore, he was ineligible to vote at this meeting.

3. **Proposal for entertainment:** Amanda Wylie, former Rosendale resident, presented a proposal for an event of “Chosen Family Feud”, a parody of the popular television show. This would be a ticket-based event involving 2 families answering questions tailored to Hudson Valley / Rosendale concerns. She would be the MC and would bring a small staff to assist her. The Commission members felt this would be very beneficial to the community but requested a formal written proposal before the next meeting.

4. **Fryer oil issue:** C. Joseph expressed concern about the fryer oil disposal barrel in poor repair on the Rec Center grounds. D. Whitaker explained that the deep fryer is used only once a year, and the renters are now instructed to dispose of the oil on their own at home. The company that formerly maintained the disposal bin went out of business, and there is no need to hire a new company. It was felt that the current barrel needs to be removed for aesthetic and safety reasons. D. Whitaker will have the Building and Grounds Department handle that.

5. **Ulster Corps MLK Day event:** For years, Ulster Corps has rented our building for their annual volunteer appreciation day, which was held this week. A huge number of cars was noted by 2 member of the Commission. D. Whitaker suggests that the event has outgrown the Rec Center. She is awaiting an updated evaluation of building capacity, with and without table set-up, and will then discuss with Ulster Corps. It was suggested that the event hold two consecutive seatings to reduce congestion, or perhaps the group needs to find a larger event space.

6. **Pool shade structure:** K. Liggan-Casey reminded the group that we were to discuss researching a grant for funding for one or two large, permanent shade structures for the pool

grounds in 2026. K.Carr will ask the Supervisor's Office for assistance in submitting an application through New York State's Consolidated Funding Application. C. Joseph was asked to assist.

7. Parking Lot rental: D.Whitaker reports that someone has requested to rent the parking lot in mid-September for parking for a wedding in New Paltz to which attendees would be bussed. Our application does not include rates for the parking lot, but since the building could not be rented that day, the group recommended that the applicant be charged as if they were using the building. 20 spaces would have to be reserved for the community to access the park.

8.Programming: K.Carr reported that things are becoming more active in the New Year.

*The next **Game Night** is January 30. A.Sweney, C.Jospeh and K.Carr will staff it.

*A.Sweeney proposed a free event of a **Community Book Swap** on Sunday, April 19 from 10 am to noon. Any leftover books can be cycled into the free Library on the grounds. She will coordinate it. K.Carr moved to approve this event. Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.

*The trial series of **Improv** classes led by Joseph Davis has ended. It was well attended by an enthusiastic group, and when polled 14 people signed that they would be willing to pay a fee to have the program continue. K.Carr moved that the Town Board be asked to approve hiring Joseph Davis at a rate of \$100 per class, with a substitute of his choosing, for a 6-month series with fees of \$8 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. Seconded by R.Sorge. All in favor.

*Organizers of the annual **Plant and Seed Swap** would like to continue the tradition on March 22 from 11 am to 1 pm. This is a collaboration between the Recreation and Environmental Commissions. It is a free public event and has been quite popular. R. Sorge moved that this be approved. Seconded by K.Liggan-Casey. All in favor.

*K.Carr reports that Pablo Shine has agreed to teach another series of **watercolor classes** this spring. These were so well-attended in the fall that the class was always full. The classes last for 2 ½ hours with 2 hours of set-up and take down, and he is asking for an increase in his fee from \$125 to \$150 per class. Class would be limited to 12 students, with an increase in number of classes in the series from 6 to 8 classes to increase access. K.Carr moved that the Town Board be asked to approve this, with fees to remain at \$15 for residents and \$20 for non-residents. Seconded by R.Sorge. Voting yes were Carr, Hattenbrun, Jerkowski, Liggan-Caey and Sorge. C.Jospeh abstained. The motion was passed.

*K.Carr reported that she has been discussing a **Zumba** class with dancer/teacher Vivian Toletino-Diaz who proposed giving a demonstration class on a volunteer basis. Details have yet to be worked out. K.Carr moved that, pending an agreement with the teacher, the Town Board approve her as a volunteer for this one class on a trial basis. Seconded by L. Jerkowski. All in favor.

*K.Carr reported that Amy Summers, the **Aquoga** teacher, has requested to teach a weekly class at the Pool again this summer. Classes have been quite large, with up to 40 students. In the past, details have been worked out with the Supervisor. K.Carr moved that the Commission approve that the classes continue, with employment details to be arranged by the Supervisor. Seconded by C. Joseph. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55. The next meeting will be February 18.

Respectfully submitted,
Kristina Carr, Chair

