

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 5-14-25

Attending: members Diana Hardina, Stefan Topolski, and Norman Beebe,
and Cowell Director John Walsh

1--- Call to order

* Diana appointed secretary pro-tem.

* Minutes for April 9th meeting are approved.

2--- Updates/reports/program check-ins

* Cowell Director's report

1. The heat pump system experienced another problem. It is not clear what the problem was but it is up and running now. An annual maintenance contract should be in place going forward.

2. Basketball grates over windows have been removed for window shade installation.

3. Windows to be installed beginning May 21. It will take two to three days to complete the project.

5. South outside handicap button was replaced after realizing the door was not opening.

6. Art Garden donated \$350 for use of gym.

7. Thursday night basketball group asked to designate a contact but they have failed to do so as of now.

* Thursday night basketball – Diana proposed that the Thursday night group be directed to allow entry to 18 year old players from West County (Shelburne, Buckland, Heath, Ashfield, Colrain, Charlemont, and Hawley), players from all other towns must be aged 21 and up. Norman seconded this motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

* Town election – will take place on Tuesday, May 21st. Gym closed Friday to Wednesday morning for set up and take down.

* Any other updates that are time sensitive – we review the extensive proposal from Snow and Sons Landscaping to deal with the crabgrass on of Arms Field. Conclusion, we will ask Canepari's Landscaping to deal with crabgrass just in the infield, and if not Canepari's, then ask Snow's.

3--- Ongoing/new business

* We approve questions and process for Cowell Director interviews.

* Interview Clay Connor and Bret Bourman for the position of Cowell Director. Both candidates are found to be well qualified for the position.

* By a majority vote the committee agrees to recommend Clay Connor to be the Cowell Director starting July 1st. Norman will forward our recommendation to the Selectboard for their approval.

* FY25 expenditures – will finalize at our June meeting

4--- Next regular meeting Wednesday, June 11th at 7 pm