

# Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 6-11-25

**Attending:** members Diana Hardina, Stefan Topolski, and Norman Beebe, Cowell Director John Walsh, and guest Dan Post

## 1--- Call to order

- \* Diana appointed secretary pro-tem.
- \* Minutes for May 14<sup>th</sup> meeting approved.

2--- Appointment of chair, secretary, and representatives to Conservation Preservation Committee and Open Space Committee – Norman approved for chair and Open Space Committee representative. Secretary and representative to CPC will be reviewed at the next meeting.

## 3--- Updates/reports/program check-ins

- \* Cowell Director's report – still waiting for four windows for the first floor. Shades for the gym are on back order.
- \* Basketball – Norman and Diana addressed Thursday night group. They are in agreement with age requirements and recommend we start those constraints next November, when there are usually too many participants. Those age requirements would allow entry to 18-year old players and up in the towns covered by the Cowell Gym (Shelburne, Buckland, Heath, Ashfield, Charlemont, and Hawley). Players from all other towns must be aged 21 and up.
- \* Pickleball – discuss outdoor court use times. It's agreed a court sign is needed; basketball is available at all times except when courts are reserved for pickleball. This is a multi-use court; if someone is waiting, please limit your use to an hour. Sign will be written by Norman and edited by the committee.
- \* Ping pong – not well attended for the soft opening. Monday and Tuesday hours are not desirable. Diana stated a need to plan a grand opening, with more publicity to attract people and proctors. Soft opening may be extended into July.
- \* River trail – representatives of the Open Space Committee (including Norman) met with the surveyor and the town attorney. It was decided that additional survey work needs to be conducted.
- \* Gym floor – some confusion over whether the \$40,500 request that was submitted by John and approved at Town Meeting included the gym floor. Norman will clarify this for the next meeting.
- \* Any other updates that are time sensitive – tennis players would like a new net and a different color for the pickleball court lines which are currently yellow – maybe a mid-tone blue.

## 4--- Ongoing/pressing business

- \* FY25 expenditures – we have approximately \$1900 left for FY25. We agree to spend money on storage for shoes/backpacks/clothing for the Cowell lobby, ping pong balls, badminton set, tennis net, locked storage container for ping pong, and paint for the walls in the ping pong room. Norman will place the orders in consultation with Diana.
- \* Gym closing policy when multiple activities are in the gym at the same time – it's agreed that proctors for the different activities need to communicate directly when leaving the building so that the remaining proctor knows to lock up the building.
- \* Outdoor court renewal – our \$21,000 request was approved at Town Meeting. We'll need to start soliciting bids. We brainstorm companies to contact – Vermont Recreational, Barlow Paving. We'll also check in with the town of Ashfield which recently put in a pickleball court, and maybe the town of Buckland which had work done at the Buckland Rec.
- \* Cowell Director transition – Clay met with John today and will continue to consult as needed.

## 5--- Next regular meeting Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm