

# **Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2023**

Present: Diana Hardina, Mary Lou Gallup, Stefan Topolski, Norman Beebe, and Cowell Gym Director Bill Buck

1---- Approve meeting minutes for January.

2---- Ice skating/ Stefan reported that the recent cold snap allowed ice skating to resume. The Fire Dept. delivered its first load of water for the season. This was a big help although Stefan still needed to use his own tap to top it off. The total # of skaters for the season has reached 68! Stefan is willing to continue the rink next year but would like some help. The current rink measures 50 feet by 50 feet, and Stefan feels three people are needed to maintain it. We also need to figure out how to get it flooded in a timely fashion. Maybe the rec. committee could reimburse Stefan for the increase in his water bill. We discuss the possibility of moving skating back to the Cowell Outdoors courts. This would require putting in a temporary berm. Norman doesn't like the idea, thinks it's not level, would require a liner, and would likely damage the court's surface. Bill suggests that the town could rent the state-run Greenfield ice rink for a Shelburne skate day. Other communities do this, and it might be a way to at provide an ice-skating opportunity for town residents even when outdoor ice skating is not available.

3---- Pickleball/ Mary Lou reported that indoor sessions are virtually all full including Saturday night! There are six sessions per week with slots for 16 participants per session. The only unused slots tend to be the result of last-minute cancellations. Lessons are reserved for local folks, and she and Jay have prioritized locals in the signups. They do this by announcing the opening of the signups to locals first and then more broadly.

4---- Cowell director report/ Bill reports we've collected \$2390 in user fees for the month of January. We collected \$1735 from pickleball, \$605 from adult basketball (now three nights a week), and \$50 from volleyball. Tennis/pickleball practice board/ The backboard is ready to go, we're waiting for warm weather. Bill will put it up with help from the town highway crew. Senior walk/ They've been walking regularly but we don't have numbers on how many.

5---- Cowell Youth Basketball Program/ Groups seem to be going well except for the Thursday night group. Diana has been out of town, and it's unclear if this group has been meeting.

6--- Softball/ Norman will send out an email to our list serv, and have messages posted on our Facebook page as well as the BSE Facebook page to gauge the feasibility of bringing it back.

7---- Next meeting/ Is moved to Thursday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 as Norman can't meet on Wednesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.