

# Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 10-10-24

**Attending:** members Diana Hardina, Stefan Topolski, and Norman Beebe

1----- Approve minutes for September

2--- Cowell Youth Winter Program – Diana has started having conversations with potential coaches. Diana is planning to reach out to the BSE PE teacher to get their input on offerings and schedule. It will likely be basketball for grades K-4 and indoor soccer for grades 5-6, and start after Thanksgiving. Diana will bring a schedule for us to look over at our next meeting. It will minimally run Monday through Thursday but could include Friday. We confirm our winter gym use policy of children being given priority Monday through Friday for the first part of the evening. Adult programs would be permitted to start at 7 pm on evenings when a child's program is being offered.

3--- Cowell Facilities Director report – John is in Florida to assist with storm recovery. He passes along that two projects, exterior painting of the Cowell and fencing around the compressors, are moving forward.

4--- Updates

\* Arms Field maintenance – Norman reports that he spoke to Kyle Canepari who believes the crab grass on the infield is a result of how the field was mowed. He feels we should treat the infield with Roundout in the fall and then treat the entire field with an emergent in the spring. Norman will follow up with Terry.

\* Outdoor court repair – Terry had given us the go ahead but Mary Lou asked that we get written permission from the Selectboard. Norman met with the Selectboard. They fully supported the repair, and also said we as an elected town committee do not need their permission to proceed with projects like this. We are hopeful that weather will allow the project to proceed when Mary Lou returns after October 20<sup>th</sup>.

\* Community Preservation Act grant request – Norman learns that the three CPA projects we approved at our last meeting were not submitted as approved. We had approved the three projects with the addition of an outdoor water station added to the second paragraph of project two. They were submitted without this addition. The committee was disappointed by this alteration to what we approved. Soon the CPA Committee will decide which of these projects are eligible for CPA funding. The recreation committee will weigh in on our priorities for the three projects as this process proceeds.

\* Election day – the gym will be closed Friday November 1st through Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. On election day all parking will be reserved for people voting. We discuss whether to also cancel pickleball that day as during the last election there was unhappiness from some at not being able to park in their usual lot and not having use of the lavatory. We decide to let Joe decide if he wants us to cancel pickleball.

\* Pickleball – nothing to report, Mary Lou is away.

\* Adult basketball – nothing to report

\* Adult indoor soccer – Diana is hoping to start this in January.

\* Shooting hoops drop-in – Diana sees this as being open to all ages and is hoping to also start this in January.

\* Recreation Committee communication (website, Mailchimp, Facebook) – Diana has been talking to Mik, the webmaster, about our website and what is possible. Norman is hoping to have separate sections for postings, minutes, and town reports. Norman confirmed with John that he will send out emails to our email list serv if we have information we want to share with the public.

5--- Programs: management, standardizations of monthly reports, interruptions – Mary Lou had added this to our agenda so we table this for when she returns.

6---- Back up meeting dates – when we can't meet on the second Wednesday of a month we'll look to meet on the third or fourth Wednesday of the month or any Thursday. The time will remain 7pm.

7--- Any other business or updates –

Stefan is working on fixing the equipment (poles, nets, etc.) and on outreach.

Norman asked Terry what was involved in having the water bottle filling station installed outside Town Hall. The water district provided the connection to the water source and the town purchased the actual water bottle filling station. He's thinking we could maybe have one installed outside the Cowell Gym.

8--- Next meeting Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.