

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 7-9-25

Attending: members Diana Hardina, Stefan Topolski, and Norman Beebe, outgoing Cowell Director John Walsh, and guest Mary Lou Gallup

1--- Call to order

- * Diana appointed secretary pro-tem
- * Minutes for June 11th meeting approved.

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

* Cowell Director's report – John reports exterior painting complete. Four windows on the first floor and one for the boiler room are still not in. Shades for the gym are also not in, maybe by the end of the month.

* Basketball – Tuesday and Thursday groups still active. A youth basketball summer group wants to borrow our youth basketball goals. Diana would like to meet with that person, as last summer one goal was damaged and all were returned months late.

* Pickleball – we approve language for a sign to be posted on the court alongside the reserved pickleball times. The sign will say,

Please note this is a multi-use court. Outside of the reserved pickleball hours, the basketball court and the pickleball/tennis court are available on a first come basis. If others are waiting for a court, we ask you to limit your use to one hour.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

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* Ping pong – soft opening for Monday and Tuesday 6 to 8 pm extended through August 12th. Diana will have proctors give out free passes to promote ping pong during this soft opening.

* River trail – Mohawk Woodland Partnership grant of \$3500 for FY26 was awarded to continue survey of Mill Road as possible access point for the two town owned properties along the river.

* Outdoor court renewal – Norman has developed a list of places to contact and will start soliciting bids. In addition to Vermont Recreational and Barlow Paving he's gotten contact information for three other companies from the town of Ashfield.

* Any other updates that are time sensitive – the transfer of \$40,500 to the *Cowell Gym Maintenance and Repair Account* does include money for gym floor repairs.

The current tennis net needs to be replaced. Norman will talk to Clay about putting up either the used net in the TAB room, which is in better shape, or the new net we just purchased.

4--- Ongoing/pressing business

* Cowell Director transition – John and Diana met with incoming Cowell Director, Clay Connor. Clay needs to be given access to the rec. committee Mailchimp account.

* Storage items for Cowell lobby – a 12-door storage locker, an eight-compartment storage cabinet, and a shoe rack were purchased. More needs to be done to accommodate up to 20 people's storage needs. Norman will meet with Clay to organize what we have.

* Recreation Committee website – Norman will get Clay's contact information on the site.

* Sue Tracy request for court usage on July 24th from 5:30 to 8 pm was approved. Mary Lou will post this event. If a rain/heat date is needed, Mary Lou can work this out directly with Clay.

* Ethics compliance – Diana's and Stefan's compliance has lapsed. Norman will send them information on how they can complete the training.

5--- Next regular meeting Wednesday, August 13th at 7 pm