

# Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 11-14-25

**Attending:** members Dan Post, Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, and Stefan Topolski, and guest Grace Thorne, applicant for Cowell Facilities Director position

1--- Call to order

- \* Dan appointed secretary pro-tem.
- \* Minutes for October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting approved.

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

- \* Ethics compliance – Stefan and Dan still need to complete the ethics course.
- \* Outdoor court renewal – now hoping to go out for bids in the spring
- \* Pickleball – Dan gleaned some data on pickleball sign-ups for November 10<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>. 48 players occupied 198 slots and 12 of those players occupied nearly half of those slots. There were 8 players from Shelburne occupying 32 slots and 12 from Buckland occupying 77 slots. The committee found this data helpful and will revisit this data at our December meeting when we have a fuller discussion about pickleball.
- \* Skating – Tom Johnson will do a presentation on creating a town skating rink at our next meeting.
- \* Volleyball – has lost momentum over the last month. No one came on October 24<sup>th</sup>, and they skipped Halloween. Stefan, as the point person, is committed to continuing.

3--- Ongoing/new business

- \* Cowell Youth Winter Program – Fred Redeker has committed to offering his BSE basketball program at the Cowell as part of our program starting after Thanksgiving. This means basketball will be offered either 4 or 5 days a week. There will be coed groups for kindergarten, grades 1-2, grades 3-4, and grades 5-6, and possibly a girls only group for grades 4-6. Diana and Norman will work out the details with Fred and make sure a flyer goes out prior to Thanksgiving.
- \* Cowell Facilities Director applicant interview – we interviewed Grace Thorne. We offered her the position and she accepted. Norman will send an email to the Selectboard asking them to appoint Grace as soon as possible.
- \* Code of Conduct – we talk about the desire from some in the community to be able to make complaints anonymously. It's decided that this would not be tenable and we keep the policy as written. Norman will make sure it is posted.
- \* Program policies/expectations – we began a discussion about program policies and expectations, and decided to continue the conversation at the December meeting.

4--- Next meeting on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm