

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 12-17-25

Attending: members Dan Post, Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, and Stefan Topolski, and Cowell Director Grace Thorne

1--- Call to order

- * Dan appointed secretary pro-tem
- * December 10th meeting minutes approved with one edit.

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

- * Bulletin boards – should arrive shortly. We'll need to talk to Jeff Johnston, head of the town's highway department, about installation.
- * Community Preservation Committee – Norman attended his first meeting. There are four proposals before the committee. They are \$45,000 for the second/third phase of the BSE playground, \$15,000 additional funds for installation of Arms Library elevator, \$25,000 for first step toward restoration of the Fire Tower, and \$85,000 for Wheel-View Farm APR local match. We develop a list of questions for the applicants to address at our next meeting.
- * 18 and over basketball – Grace and Diana met with Hadyn from the Thursday night group. There's no need to put in place restrictions on who can play as the group's size has been manageable.
- * Pickleball - Dan briefed the committee on the progress of the new pickleball leadership team. The team is letting players know about upcoming changes to the program which will be implemented in January. The main requests of the committee to the pickleball team are to allow Shelburne residents 48 hours to sign up before others are invited to do so, and that there be at least 3 drop-in sessions every week. We are also asking for a list of all current players and their emails and home addresses. We are authorizing the leadership team to post the January schedule, which we will review at our January meeting. The Rec Committee would like to do publicity around town to let locals know when they can drop-in and play.
- * Senior walk – ten to eleven regulars. The town received a \$50 donation from one of the walkers.

3--- Ongoing/new business

- * Cowell issues – clock, grates over windows, gym floor care after use, bleachers, security camera, gym doors don't latch securely, lobby storage, deep clean of gym, repair of gym floor, other issues? The clock is working. John Walsh is working on replacing the shades, and the grates will be put back in place after the new shades are installed. Diana will make a sign that gives instructions for gym users to clean the floor before use, and Grace will post the sign next to dry mop and dust pan. The bleachers are locked and are unlocked only during times when the Academy at Charlemont has basketball games. Grace will be in charge of safely opening and re-locking the bleachers. Grace will post instructions for opening and closing the newer, ADA compliant bleachers on the bleachers themselves. Grace will put batteries in the security camera. Grace will check all gym doors to make sure that they are latching securely, and will contact Jeff if repairs are required. We discuss perhaps using hooks or pegs on the lobby walls to hold the gym bags of gym users. Diana points out that the Academy used to clean the gym as part of their community service day. Grace will see if they could do so this year. Norman points out that money was set aside at our last annual town meeting for TAB room renovation and gym floor repairs. He will gather the information Mary Lou presented on the gym floor repair and talk to John.

4--- Next meeting on Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 pm