

# Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 4-15-26

**Attending:** Members Dan Post, Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, and Stefan Topolski, Cowell Director Grace Thorne, and guests Peter Stevens and Robin Logan

1--- Call to order

- \* Dan appointed secretary pro-tem
- \* March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes approved with minor edits

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

\* Cowell Director's report (as submitted by Grace)

*1. Hilltown Hardwood came April 10th to survey the floor. They will be sending me estimates on different repairs such as a full repair and sectional repairs. The problem indicated from pickleball was of dead spots for their balls. As of now the floor looks good and will need to be recoated before the end of summer. This will reduce the floor's slipperiness.*

*2. It is on my radar to contact Jeff at the highway department about putting up the bulletin board outside.*

*3. The Franklin Tech electrical department is coming in every other Monday to work on their labeling project.*

*4. One mini-split in the gym has been making a humming noise as it runs. Jamrog fixed the issue.*

*5. The heat has been turned off in the building.*

*6. John Walsh helped install new shades in the gym and re-install the grates on April 15th.*

*7. I am starting two part time summer jobs that will have me occupied Monday through Friday but I am still available for any needs.*

\* Cowell outdoor courts – a special Town Meeting on April 8<sup>th</sup> approved the transfer of \$8,000 from the Cowell User Fees Account to the account that will pay for the upgrades for the outdoor courts. We now have enough money to pay for the contract approved and signed by the Selectboard with Vermont Recreational. Work will be done sometime this summer.

\* Draw-around – will take over the gym from Thursday April 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday April 26<sup>th</sup>. During this time other programs will be unable to use the gym. Dan will let Pickleball volunteers know that play sessions are outdoor-only during this time, and that players must not park in the Cowell lot on Saturday to allow Draw-Around volunteers to have easy access to the building for their preparations.

\* Portable refrigerated rink – Peter Stevens and Robin Logan presented us with more information about the cost of refrigerated ice rinks and synthetic ice rinks (“Glice”). Their research will continue.

\* River Trail – survey work is continuing on the proposed River Trail.

\* Basketball – Tuesday night (35-and-over) has seen 6 to 11 players per night, and Thursday night (18-and-over) has seen attendance of around 10 players per night.

\* Pickleball – has moved outside, except when the weather forces them indoors.

\* Ping pong – going strong and is now scheduled through May on Wednesdays from 6 to 8 pm.

\* Volleyball – is still getting only 2-3 sign-ups, despite additional advertising, and this is not enough to play. Four people are needed to play. Stefan will keep offering it.

3--- Ongoing/new business

\* Women/nonbinary sports – Grace received 17 responses from those interested in participating and kickball received the most requests. We scheduled Women and Nonbinary Sports for Mondays at 6:30 pm at Arms Field starting May 11<sup>th</sup>. Diana will help with advertising.

\* Program policies/expectations – the committee refined the language in the document and will finalize changes at the next meeting.

4--- Next meeting on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm