

# Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for 6-17-26

**Attending:** Members Dan Post, Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, Stefan Topolski and Walter Chadwick, and Cowell Director Grace Thorne

1--- Call to order

\* May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes approved

2--- Officers elected: Norman as Chair, Dan as Secretary, Norman as representative to the Open Space Committee, and either Walter or Norman as CPC representative. Walter will talk to Norman about what's involved and then decide if he can do it.

3--- Updates/reports/program check-ins

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

*1. I called Hartnett plumbing about the bathroom clog issue and they said they did send a camera down this winter where they found out our pipes have a lot of turns in them. This can cause clogs at the turns. The best way to stop the clogs is to not flush anything down other than toilet paper in the first place. There are signs on the stall doors that say this.*

*2. Jamrog came by this week to fix a minisplit issue which wasn't pumping out cold air on cool mode.*

*3. We got our fire alarm system and fire extinguishers inspected this week.*

*4. I made 6 copies of the key that unlocks the door leading to the ping pong room. (That wing of the basement can now be locked when not in use.)*

\* Women's bathroom plumbing – the committee felt it would be wise to correct this problem proactively rather than pay Hartnett Plumbing their emergency rate to fix the problem each time. Grace will ask Hartnett Plumbing if straightening out the pipes is possible and what it would cost.

\* Gym floor – Grace is still trying to get Hilltown Hardwood Flooring to provide a quote for fixing the gym floor's dead spots.

\* Cowell outdoor courts – Vermont Recreational is still planning to do the work on the courts sometime this summer. We need to determine the best color for the pickleball court lines. Dan will look to find photos online that show options for colors and especially on courts that are shared with tennis.

\* Basketball and pickleball – participation in both are steady.

\* Ping pong – will end for a summer break at the end of the month.

\* Women/nonbinary sports – has been drawing 10-15 participants.

\* Volleyball – has drawn a few new players but still not enough to run regularly and will go on hiatus until September 11<sup>th</sup>.

\* Town Elections – are scheduled for Sept. 1, Oct. 6, and Nov.3. This means the gym will be closed Friday through Wednesday morning for each election.

4--- Ongoing/new business

\* River Trail – the easement surveys were completed and the easement deeds are being drawn up. There will be a meeting with the affected landowners and the town lawyer on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Norman was authorized to spend up to \$1500 from the Rec. Committee Fund (current available balance about \$2500) for any River Trail expenses not covered by the FY26 Woodlands Partnership grant.

\* Cowell Gym Code of Conduct – we table this until our July meeting.

5--- Next meeting on Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm