

# **Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes for Monday, July 1, 2019**

Members present: Bill Buck, Diana Hardina, Jackie Walsh, and Norman Beebe

1. Approved minutes from May.
2. River Trail – Norman walked the proposed Mohican-Mohawk Trail extension to the village with trail consultant Josh Ryan and others on June 6<sup>th</sup>. They entered the trail at the route 2 kiosk near the state police barracks and instead of heading left (toward Wilcox Hollow) when the trail hit the river they went right (toward the village). The trail was mostly smooth sailing until the old tennis courts along the river below Bridge Street except behind the Sweetheart Restaurant. There they had to deal with the consequences of improper storm drainage from the parking lot construction at the Sweetheart. To proceed to Deerfield Avenue as originally hoped would be expensive. It would require steel pylons. A geological study would be needed to see if the river bank is stable enough to put in steel pylons and would cost \$30,000 to \$40,000. But it's relatively inexpensive to get the trail from to the former tennis courts below Bridge Street. Private grants may be available for the pylon work. Most of the news is encouraging and the trail consultant's report should be ready by the end of the summer.
3. Softball field – Norman says the meeting with Mark Shippee had to be delayed until next week because of Mark's heavy work load at the end of the fiscal year. The committee is hoping the town Highway Department will assist with the rehabilitation of the field, and commit to maintaining it going forward.
4. Voting at the Cowell – Joe Judd, town clerk, is interested in using the Cowell Gym for voting. One issue is finding a safe place at the gym for the voting records. The committee toured some possible closets and a room that might serve that purpose. Norm said he'd go through the gym with Joe Judd to see if it would work.
5. Noise at night at the Cowell – The committee has received two complaints from neighbors about people making noise late at night outside the gym. Norm said he'd ask the police chief about having police regularly check the Cowell.
6. Buckland Recreation Area swimming pool project – Diana wondered if we could ask the town of Shelburne to give money to the project as a token of good will as many people in Shelburne have historically used the pool. Diana may speak to the Shelburne town manager about this.
7. Ashfield Lake – Jackie said she would call someone in the Town of Ashfield about how Shelburne residents can swim in the lake. Right now, you have to be an Ashfield resident to use the main town beach. Many Shelburne residents go but it is awkward and residents might like to contribute through the town or as individuals to paying for the lifeguard, etc.
8. Director's report – Cowell Director Bill Buck noted that he installed rubber mats under the volleyball net stands to protect the gym floor. Bill reported our missing vintage bats are still missing from the building. A railing is also being installed at the building entrance by the parking lot. There are currently no birthday parties scheduled at the gym. A donation of a tennis backboard has been offered to the Cowell, to enable people to practice on their own. The Cowell is looking for a table tennis enthusiast to help staff the gym while people play table tennis, which would happen once a week, starting in August or the fall.
11. Bus trips – Jackie is going to look into a town bus trip to the beach and/or New York City. She'll talk to Kusmeskus Bus Co. and the town manager.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, Aug. 12.