

August 12, 2019 Recreation Committee minutes

1---- Voting at the Cowell. Joe Judd visited the building with the committee. It looks like the Food Pantry section of the building would be the best place to store voting booths. Voting would take place in the gym. Early voting would take place in the foyer. Joe is also looking at the high school as a venue. Any change wouldn't happen for about a year. We talked with Joe about dates the building would be needed, for the March primary, annual Town Meeting in May, the primary in September and the federal election in November. It could work without a lot of disruption of Cowell programming.

2 -- The committee approved meeting minutes for July.

3---- Outdoor courts evening usage -- There continues to be noise complaints about basketball players at the courts at night. Two nets have been bent. The committee decided to walk by the court at night as much as we can and to ask neighbors to call the police if there are people are using the courts too late at night.

4---- Enhanced exercise class -- Whit Sanford did not come to the meeting, so the discussion was postponed.

5---- Updates/quick check-ins

- * River trail -- The Open Space Committee would like to put picnic tables on the river trail where the former tennis courts were.

- * Membership -- No decisions were made about new members.

- * Softball field -- Bill and Norman meet with Mark to discuss and fixing up the softball field. It's agreed we should contact Snow's about doing this work (leveling, redoing the infield, etc.). Mark said the Highway Department will provide the fill and will maintain the field going forward. Norman will contact Snow's.

- * Ping pong -- Sarah Cohen of Shelburne Center is interested in helping with ping pong. The committee is going to paint the floor and provide better lighting in a room for ping pong.

- * Outdoor tennis court practice board -- A carpenter may be able to build one -- cheaper than buying a new one. Bill will follow up.

6---- Cowell Director report -- Heath School has asked for our policies, which we will send them. Handrails have been added to the parking lot entrance of the building.

7---- Any other business -- Jackie is looking into having pickleball lines added to the outdoor courts.

8-- A date was selected for the next meeting: Sept. 16.