

Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes for Thursday, Nov. 21, 2019

Present: Diana Hardina, Jackie Walsh, Stefan Topolski, Norman Beebe, and Bill Buck by telephone.

1. -- Basketball -- We are switching the older groups to Tuesday and Thursday so their programs don't conflict with BSE basketball team practices/games. A parent has come forward to coach two days, but we still have two days uncovered and need a facilitator.
2. Cowell heating issues -- The boiler has been breaking down repeatedly, requiring multiple visits from the heating contractor. Bill has been coming to the Cowell every day to check that it's running and to reset it when necessary. This is not a sustainable situation. Norman will follow up with Town Administrator, Terry Narkewicz, about this.
3. River trail -- Norman, along with members of the Open Space Committee and Melissa Patterson of the Franklin Land Trust, walked the proposed trail from the Mahican Mohawk Trailhead on Route 2 (just east of the Mobile Station) toward the village in search of a village exit point. They were able to exit on Maple Street just before the Sweetheart. This is good news as it avoids the complaints from Masonic Street neighborhood residents about having the trail finish there.
4. Tab Room -- Bill has talked to the Art Garden about removing its rolls of paper from the Tab Room. That will leave room for Joe Judd to take some space for his election equipment and for the new ping pong table. He is also working on getting the door locked, with a system that would allow gym users to get into the room when they need to, e.g. a key in a lockbox with a code but keep others out.
5. Voting at the Cowell -- the committee identifies a locked closet and space in the Tab Room for Joe's exclusive use (for storage of election equipment), and agrees to closing the gym completely before and on election days. Norman will pass this information along to Joe.
6. Tennis practice board -- Bill will be installing that in the spring.
7. Softball field -- Snow's never got back to Norman on rehabilitating the entire field. Instead we'll rent a York Rake and Stefan will level the infield in April. We'll have Snow's work on the entire field in fall 2020.
9. Front door -- The red front door has been left open in recent weeks. There is a chance youngsters are coming in when the gym is open, propping the front door, and then returning to use the Cowell when it is empty. Bill will tell the volleyball and basketball players to make sure it is closed tightly and locked when they leave at night.
10. Basketballs -- Bill will check about buying basketballs.
11. Table tennis -- Is postponed until January. So far, over several weeks, only one family showed up to play. Diana and others will try to get more people who will commit to coming beginning in January. The two proctors would prefer doing it from 3 to 4 on Saturdays or Sundays, which the committee agreed would be fine.
12. Ice skating --Stefan is willing to allow skating in his yard again. Norman will check with Terry to be sure the town is still fine with this. The committee discussed having a skating rink at the north end of BSE. Diana spoke to the Fire Chief who said the fire department could provide the water.
13. T-shirts -- Diana has created a great logo for Cowell Gym T-shirts! She'd like the committee to make them available for sale for all users of the Cowell.
14. Social media -- Diana noted that we are invisible on social media. She'd like our Facebook page to be more active and is hoping users of the Cowell would post pictures of people using the Cowell.
15. Next meeting is Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:30.