

Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes for Thurs., Dec. 12, 2019

Members present: Diana Hardina, Jackie Walsh, Stefan Topolski, Bill Buck, and Norman Beebe
The meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

1—Cowell Basketball Program: The schedule for basketball is:

Mondays, K-1. We have three coaches. About 10 to 12 children have been coming.

Tuesday, 4-6, girls. We have a couple coaches. Four or five children are coming.

Wednesday, 2-3. We have possibly two coaches. About 10 children attend.

Thursday, 4-6, boys. Only one boy has shown up.

Diana said it might be time to drop the Thursday session and the sole boy could play with the girls. The committee decided to see what happens on the upcoming Thursday as far as the boys 4-6 basketball goes. We will probably put out another flyer after the holidays. Basketball goes through March.

2. – Village-river access trail: There is a potential grant to pay for the creation of a trail between Maple Street and town owned land along the Deerfield River (with the longer term goal of connecting to the Mahican-Mohawk Trail). It's through the Mohawk Trail Woodland Partnership. It is due in December, and the construction would be done by June 30. Larry Flaccus of the Shelburne Open Space Committee is doing the grant application. It's agreed that Norman will write a letter of support on behalf of the committee.

3. New York City trip: Four people are signed up for it from our area (note -- two more actually went). This was a trip sponsored by us and PAX, Program for Academic Exchange. About 20 exchange students staying in homes in the Brattleboro and Springfield, Vt., area were going. It costs \$50 a person.

4. Ice skating: Stefan will again host ice skating in his yard. We received an email from Terry outlining suggestions (conditions?) from the town lawyer. After a discussion we agree that skating at Stefan's really shouldn't be any different from how skating was at the Cowell in years past. Meaning no supervision but a sign posted warning skaters that they skate at their own risk and to skate responsibly. We'll work out the exact wording and run it by Terry.

5. Temperature in the Cowell: Members worked out a schedule for thermostat settings in the Cowell.

6. Fixing the furnace: Mark and Bill have to constantly come in to turn the heat back on, which is turning off on its own. A heating specialist has been called 10 times this heating season. Solving the program is ongoing.

7. Vandalism: Someone broke into the Food Pantry in the Cowell basement recently. The door was left open. Nothing was taken as far as staff can tell. Bill says we could get a trail motion detector at the Cowell that would be much cheaper than other camera options.

8. Buying more basketballs: They are expensive, about \$30 each. We need the small ones for elementary school students.

9. T-shirts: Diana has made a really nice design for T-shirts. We discussed how many shirts she should order. They will be in kids and adult sizes.

10. Table tennis: Jackie is following up with Sara and Eric, our ping pong volunteers, to talk about when to start up ping pong. Diana and Jackie went to Zing in Easthampton and talked to the owner about the logistics of offering ping pong.

11. Pickleball: Jackie will look into the cost of getting a net, paddles and balls.

12. Run-around time for kiddies: A parent is interested in having a time at the Cowell for children to run around. We talked about 6 to 7 on Saturdays and/or Sundays.

13. Next meeting time: 6:30, Thursday, Jan. 16

The committee adjourned at 8:30.