

Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes for July 16, 2020

We meet via Zoom.

Those in attendance: Diana Hardina, Norman Beebe, Stefan Topolski

1---- Review and approve meeting minutes for June 18, 2020.

2---- The outdoor courts have been open for tennis only for the past month. We will continue with this policy for the foreseeable future. The permanent sign explaining our policy is up, and people are playing tennis.

3---- Timeline for reopening the gym – typically there are no activities in the gym during the summer so it will remain closed. Activities that we hope to open in the fall are basketball, ping pong, volleyball, pickleball, the senior walk, and the Cowell Youth Basketball Program. We will discuss this at our August meeting. We agree we will take our guidance from the state and our local Board of Health

4---- Cowell Director report – Bill is absent so there was no report.

5---- Recreational programming going forward – on hold while we wait out Covid-19

6---- Any updates – the river trail project is still going forward. Norman and other members of the Open Space Committee met with state geologist Steve Mabee on Monday, June 22, 2020 to discuss the suitability of the soil to support a raised boardwalk supported by pylons and stability of the terrain above the proposed trail. Steve saw nothing that would prove problematic on either front. He did wonder if we could avoid the expense of building a raised boardwalk trail by building structures to bridge the wet areas that would not be elevated but would lie on the ground. Such a trail would be much more susceptible to damage but it would also be a fraction of the cost to build and not a huge expense if needed to be rebuilt.

7---- Any other business – Diana talked to Joe Judd who said he was bringing in an electrician to add outlets to the gym. She asked him to have the electrician look at how the scoreboard is turned on.

8--- Choose date for next meeting – Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:30.