

# **Shelburne Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes 12-13-23**

Attending: Diana Hardina, Mary Lou Gallup, Norman Beebe and Stefan Topolski

1---- Approve minutes for November.

2---- Cowell user fee structure – We approve the following fee structure with one dissent, children under 16 free, Shelburne residents 16 and over \$2, nonresidents 16 and over \$5. Additionally, we approved the option of \$35 a month for those participating in the pickleball program. Mary Lou will keep track of who chooses this option. We will also continue to not charge a user fee for the Senior Walk on M-W-F from 9 to 10 am.

3--- Cowell bleachers – what to do short term and long term.

We decide not to pursue repair of the new, ADA compliant bleacher through the manufacturer. They have a minimum charge of \$1100! We will see if we can get someone locally to repair it. If not, we could replace it with an inexpensive, non-ADA compliant bleachers. Norman will check with Terry to see if we'd be allowed to do this.

In the meantime, we'll keep the new bleacher locked so it can't be opened. We also identify one of the old bleachers for use during Cowell basketball.

4---- Pickleball schedule

Sunday and Thursday 8:30 to 10:30 am and 10:45 to 12:45 pm (the second session is as needed)

Monday and Wednesday 7 to 9 pm

Tuesday 8:30 to 10:30 am

Saturday 8:30 to 10:30 am (may be adjusted to accommodate Tai Chi's return in mid-March)

5---- Cowell Youth Basketball – our free youth basketball program started this week!

Monday: grades 1-2, 5:45 to 6:45 pm (starts later to accommodate a coach's schedule)

Tuesday: kindergarten, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

Wednesday: grades 5-6, 5:30 to 6:30 pm – basketball fell apart for this age group last year so we may look to try alternate programming such as dance or street hockey.

Thursday: grades 3-4, 5:30 to 6:30 pm

6---- Updates

\* TAB room cleanup – Diana, Mary Lou and Norman met on November 10<sup>th</sup> and spent 3 to 4 hours getting it in shape.

\*Gym maintenance: cleaning/lighting/missing grate – no progress on the cleaning but Terry is arranging for an electrician to address our electrical requests. The temporary grate we fashioned on TAB room clean-up day is better than nothing but inadequate.

\*Ping pong – Diana is still working on emptying out the room.

\*Arms Field – still waiting to hear back from Canepari's Landscaping, Norman will continue to reach out to Kyle Canepari

\*Replacing Bill – no applicants, may need to think about reconfiguring the position for the May town meeting.

\*Outdoor courts surface – still no word from Vermont Recreational about the deteriorating court surface. Norman was told the photos Mary Lou took documenting the deteriorating court surface is on the owner's desk.

\* Shelburne Open Space and Recreation Plan – entering the final stages.

7--- Cowell Director transition – Bill has stepped down and Diana will fill in on an interim basis. Norman will talk to Terry about having her appointed on an interim basis and perhaps receiving the Cowell Director stipend.

8--- Clarify use of rec. committee equipment by rentals – this proves contentious. Diana will monitor closely any use of equipment.

9--- Any other business or updates – can we ask Paul the town custodian to clean particular areas of the Cowell on a regular basis such as the lobby, staircase and dust in corner of the gym. Norman will ask Terry.

Whit Sanford is looking to have an enhanced fitness trial for seniors out of Washington State and administered by the Greenfield YMCA run at the Cowell at no cost. They would want to start in January. After a long discussion we agree that we could store the equipment used, primarily chairs, and would have time on Monday, Wednesday, Friday after the Senior Walk. Norman is empowered to talk to Whit and give a go ahead to the program if it is free of charge to non-YMCA members. Additionally, while not a deal breaker, we would hope they would provide some money for use of the gym (especially given the trial provides money to the YMCA for administrative support.)

10-- Next meeting will be Wednesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 in the Cowell Gym.