

Shelburne Recreation Committee
Minutes for Thursday, June 18, 2020

The meeting began at 7 p.m., via Zoom because of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Members present: Bill Buck, Jackie Walsh, Stefan Topolski and Norman Beebe

1 -- Minutes: We approved the minutes from May.

2. Tennis/basketball courts:

After being closed since March, the tennis court is now open, as the state is now allowing tennis to happen. Temporary paper signs are up explaining that the basketball courts are closed and the rules for tennis.

Basketball will start once Gov. Charlie Baker gives the go-ahead.

The hoops are down to keep people from playing basketball.

3. Local schools

Schools are doing all sorts of things in the fall. All GCC classes will be online. Keene State is opening with teachers and students on campus. Greenfield schools apparently will not open their doors in the fall. We do not yet know what BSE, Mohawk or others are going to do.

4. Summer programs:

There are no summer programs happening. Usually, not much happens in the summer anyway.

There has been a softball program during the summer in the past but not in recent years.

5. Town election:

The June election (just for Shelburne positions) will happen for the first time at the Cowell Gym.

Town Clerk Joe Judd is creating the protocol to keep voters safe when they vote at the Cowell Gymn. Jackie and Diana are both write-in candidates for the Recreation Committee.

6. River trail:

The river trail has run into some obstacles but the Open Space Committee is now actively pursuing an entrance for the trail from Deerfield Avenue. They have signoffs from most of the affected abutters, and have been given permission to repurpose the grant from entering off of Maple Street to entering from Deerfield Avenue. This grant coupled with a second grant that has just been submitted would cover the costs associated with preparing the trail to be built assuming it is feasible. In addition, a state geologist is coming out on Monday, June 22nd to weigh in on the trail's feasibility.

7. The Cowell's furnace

Bill said a repair near the end of the heating season seems to have worked. It needed a pressure valve. Town Administrator Terry is applying for a grant to pay for a new system. Norm is concerned that the steam pipes are clogged.

8. Cameras

Bill said a camera to observe those entering the building would cost about \$450. An additional camera would cost \$100. The committee is interested in getting a second camera to keep track of what happens on the basketball court. The cameras would send emails/texts if there is movement.

9. Next meeting: 6:30 on Thursday, July 16th