

**Shelburne Recreation Committee
Meeting Minutes
Nov. 29, 2016**

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Members Present: Peggy Coutu, LynnAnn Prom, Susan McLellan, Bruce Whitbeck, Renee Davitt, Ann Clark

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Public Present: None

Called to order at 6:10 p.m.

Approval of Minutes Oct. 11, 2016: Approved.

Public Comment: None

Director's Report: See below. Betsy explained that Truffle class was very successful and there was a waiting list may be repeated at Valentine's Day. This was the fourth program we've run at the Wright House in cooperation with the Library.

There are currently 2 spots left to fill on the ski bus. Basketball will be at about the same level as last year, but we are having difficulty getting coaches.

Tree Lighting Event:

Committee will rewrap gifts for Friday's Holiday event. The following members are planning to attend and help: Ann, Peggy, Sue, Renee, Kelli. We also have 3 high school elves.

Beach House Renovation: Betsy circulated the report from VIA regarding their findings and recommendations for the Beach House project. The minimum renovation to complete deferred maintenance and extend life of the building would be \$120,000. The estimated cost to tear down the existing structure and rebuild on the same foundation is approx. \$170,000. The recommendation by VIA is to tear down and rebuild. The good news is that we can replace the septic holding tank without putting in a mound system. The Town Manager thought the \$18,000 design fee estimate is high and we could budget half of that.

-Motion made by Ann to put full \$18,000 in our proposed budget for FY 2017-2018. Seconded by Renee, passed unanimously.

Beach Trees Update: The 2 large dangerously leaning/ dead trees at the beach have been removed, along with the stump of a previous one.

David Rapheal, UVM Landscape Design professor, invited the Rec Committee, Selectboard, Town Manager, and Tree Committee to attend the class presentation on Beach landscape plan proposal. The committees met with the class in early November to discuss our needs and priorities and we look forward to getting their

ideas. We are not obligated to accept the design. However, it is a fun and valuable exercise that we should benefit from. Presentation is on Dec. 15 at 1:30 Pm. Betsy will forward directions.

Other Business:

- Betsy submitted budget proposal for FY17-18. Expenditures are higher than income, but all programs pay for themselves. Beach, parks, salaries are not covered by revenue. The \$14,000 capital budget item to refinish tennis courts will come from Davis Park fund. On Dec. 14 each Dept. and Committee will present to the Selectboard. Recreation is at 11:30 am.
- Betsy may offer pickleball clinic in the future.
- We will try to have an ice rink at Hullcrest again this year – weather dependent. We do not plan to fill Davis rink, as the water drains out the back and doesn't hold. Other complications exist there for maintenance as well.
- Betsy described the Shelburne Organizational Plan that the Town put together. It includes the current set up, as well as a suggested future configuration for each Department. For Recreation, we suggested that the Part Time Seasonal Beach Supervisor position become a Full Time Seasonal Beach and Summer Program Supervisor position. We also suggested a grounds /maintenance person to work through our department to help with parks, fields, sport facilities,etc.
- Another note about the budget proposal, the Beach Supervisor Salary was increased to \$14.25/hr to equal the average in Vermont for Pool/ Beach Supervisors.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

**Director's Report
Nov. 29, 2016**

Current Program update:

Youth Basketball - 76
Bolton After School Ski And Ride – 48
After School Fitness – 12
Young Rembrandts - 11
Dog Obedience – 16
Truffle Making Class (early Nov.) - 12

Upcoming Programs/ Events:

The *Holiday Tree Lighting and Caroling* event is Friday, Dec. 2nd. Join us to bring in the holiday season with a festive community gathering, refreshments, and fun activities for the kids.

Winterfest at Shelburne Farms: Sat. Jan. 21st, 12-3pm