

Shelburne Recreation Committee
***Draft* Minutes**
Monday, Oct. 22 6:30 PM

Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Kelli Magnier, Bruce Whitbeck, Kathie Pudvar, Lynn Ann Prom, Marv Thomas

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Public Present: Jackson Townsend

Called to order at 6:33 p.m.

The Minutes from the Sept. 17 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved

Public Comments: none

Directors Report: See written report below in addition to discussion: Betsy updated the group on the meeting that took place earlier in the day with members of the Dog Park Committee, Interim Town Mgr., Dean Pierce, and Rep. Jessica Brumstead, and Laura Lapierre from the VT state DEC Wetlands program. After reviewing the potential sites in Shelburne that are Town owned, the Dog Park Committee has determined that there are no other good places to move, so they are better off staying where they are and working to bring the site into compliance. They have two options: restore the site and use the dog park at a minimum function, or try to get a wetlands permit and reconfigure to a smaller footprint. However, it is too expensive to take the permit route.

Newberry Cup was held two weekends ago and Peggy was very helpful. It all went well, despite the weather.

Student Rep: Jackson Townsend has applied to be a student rep on our Committee. Betsy explained about how this committee functions, needing lots of hands-on help. Jackson talked about what interests him and he asked the members how long they have been on the Committee and what they like about it.

Event Planning:

Halloween - Discussion held about who can help with the event on Sunday and how many more helpers we need. Assignments were made for volunteer responsibilities during the event. The Parade starts at 2pm and volunteers should arrive around 1:30.

Tree Lighting – This event will be held on Friday, Nov. 30th. Location is changed from the Town Hall to the Gym. Santa will likely ride Fire truck all the way back to the gym and not get off at Town Green to walk. We need a new Santa. The Library craft will be done in the activity room, Santa on the stage and cookies and drinks in the gym. The SBPA wants to get involved again and will hand out bags with coupons from local businesses.

Budget Process and Update: Betsy completed the 3% +/- budget narrative exercise due last week. The actual budget summary draft is due in early to mid November. Anyone with feedback about budget/program/facility needs is encouraged to contact Betsy soon.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Director's Report

October Program Update:

After school Fitness- 18
Shotokan Karate- 15
School's out open house- 12
Q & A with Ark Vets -

Important upcoming dates in Oct.:

Fri., Oct. 26 – Halloween Setup
Sun., Oct. 28 – Halloween Event

Other: Peggy and Betsy met with reps from Vt. Teddy Bear to wrap up discussions about the summer event there. They had positive feedback and will gladly host again next year. We discussed a possible better layout with the band and stage in the back so people can sit on the hill to watch and not have the line of sight so broken up. Also need to keep all the food vendors centralized. They will consider moving it to a weeknight instead of a Sat. A few tweaks are needed but overall it was well received.

The Dog Park Committee has finished their review of possible sites to relocate the dog park. They considered all Town/public space in the village and rated it against imp. criteria for a dog park site. Some of the important characteristics needed included size, access to the site, parking, no use restrictions, not close to residents. After considering their options, or lack of options, they have concluded the best case scenario is to keep the Dog Park in its current location and work with the State to bring it into compliance under the wetland rules.