

**Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022 5:30 PM**  
**Online Zoom Meeting**

MEMBERS PRESENT ONLINE: Peggy Coutu, Susan McLellan, Bruce Whitbeck, Ann Clark, Renee Davitt, Marv Thomas, Kathie Pudvar

STAFF: Betsy Cieplicki

PUBLIC: Jeff McBride, Matt Wormser

Meeting called to order by Chair, Peggy Coutu at 5:30 pm.

Minutes from Jan. 17, 2022 Meeting: Motion was made by Susan to change Agenda to Minutes on the draft. Seconded by Ann. Minutes were approved as with one change – “Agenda” to “Minutes” for Meeting on Jan. 17, 2022.

**Public Comment:**

**Director’s Report:**

*Office Update:* We have been spending most of our time in Jan. and early Feb. planning and setting up all of the spring and summer programs, camps and events. This includes contracting instructors and finalizing all details such as program descriptions, costs, location, dates and times. Bands have been booked for the concerts, bounce houses reserved, fireworks contracted, sponsors confirmed, and we are starting to work on booking food vendors. All of the info has to be formatted for the printed brochure, which is currently in production, and then it has to be reformatted for the website. There is a separate process of setting up every program in our registration software as well. We were able to open registration for most spring and summer programs on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and early registration has been strong. Two of our camps have already filled, with several others more than half full after just a few days of open registration!

Sue has also been assisting the Town Managers office with compiling and formatting the Town Report to go to print. We’ve also seen a heavy return to rental requests for the Town gym as we slowly recede out of the pandemic. We have requests coming in almost daily for reservations! In addition, prep has begun for our bigger spring programs (Little League and Lacrosse) with equipment and uniform purchases, team planning, etc.

*Current Programs:* Bolton Valley After School Ski and Ride Session A has it’s last day this week, and then we begin Session B next week. Both

sessions are full with 52 kids on the bus, and a few car poolers as well. The extremely popular program is going great this year and kids are thrilled to be back! Youth Basketball has been going very well, despite a handful of cancelled games due to Covid. But overall, teams, parents and players have been flexible and accommodating of the protocols and last minute schedule changes are seem happy to have had the chance to play this year. The last day of games is coming up this Saturday, Feb. 12. Adult programs have been going smoothly with no interruptions due to Covid.

*Upcoming Programs:* There are quite a few programs starting up in March including: new Kids Yoga class, adult Yoga, Essentrics, new Reiki seminar, and a new Breath Work Series. Registration deadlines for spring leagues are also coming up in March, including Shelburne Little League and Shelburne Youth Lacrosse.

### **Beach House Project Update/ Planning:**

Betsy introduced Jeff McBride to discuss the project. Jeff reviewed the design concept and ideas, and laid out a summary of what the next steps would be to have the project "shovel ready" by the fall. He outlined a month by month schedule, and discussed who would need to handle different aspects like local and state permits. He asked for feedback from the committee, "homework" to be completed by Feb. 22 regarding the program spaces of the beach house and looking for comments, notes, or questions to consider about each space.

Discussion was held about spreading the word about the vote on March 1<sup>st</sup> and advocacy for the project. Members will reach out to previous donors, friends, neighbors, etc to encourage support and educate voters on what the project entails.

Other Business: none

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.