

Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes
Monday, March 20, 2023 6:30 PM
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Members Present: Peggy Coutu, Kathie Pudvar, Kelli Magnier, Bruce Whitbeck,

Staff Present: Betsy Cieplicki

Meeting called to order by Peggy at 6:48 pm.

Minutes from Dec. 12, '22 and Jan. 17, '22 Meeting: No quorum present so minute drafts were not voted on. These will be pushed to next meeting.

Director's Report:

Beach House Project Update: A lot of progress has been made since our last meeting in January. The bids for the Beach house project came in and the 5 bids ranged from \$586,638 to \$1,102,715. Given that the approval for the bond was \$350,000, we knew that we would need potential ARPA funds in order to award and complete the project. The ARPA committee had already designated the project as one of the recommended recipients of funding, but ratification by the Selectboard was necessary to release the funds. At the Selectboard meeting on Feb. 28th, they agreed to commit \$300,000 of ARPA funds to the project. The Town signed a Letter of Intent with Farrington Construction, the low bidder, to work on the project, but with agreement that we would need to conduct some value engineering to attempt to lower the price. Town officials have since met Farrington to discuss possible changes and hope to have the official awarded contract done in the next week or two. Construction is scheduled to start immediately following Labor Day in Sept. We do not want to disrupt the facility during the short time period in season, and this will give the contractor plenty of lead time to order supplies and line up sub-contractors.

Programming update: Lacrosse Registration is mostly done and although we expect a few more stragglers, we have strong participation numbers. Several of the teams will be coming with either Charlotte, and the girls 7/8 team will be a combination of Charlotte, Hinesburg, Shelburne and Williston. The Recreation Directors of the 4 CVSD Towns work together to ensure that all kids have the opportunity to participate by pooling resources for this program.

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Girls ¾	- 21	Boys ¾	- 14
Girls 5/6	- 15	Boys 5/6	- 14
Girls 7/8	- 9	Boys /8	- 12

Spring and Summer Programming has been released on our website and through the printed brochure. Summer camps are filling up fast, as well as preschool soccer, and adult pickleball clinics. Program registrations will be announced in coming months as each program gets started.

Office Update: We are starting to post for summer Beach Employment opportunities. If you know of any Lifeguards, please encourage them to apply!

Special Announcement: Congratulations to Peggy Coutu for being awarded the Colleen Haag Volunteer of the Year Award! Peggy is an ESSENTIAL volunteer with the Recreation Dept and many other community organizations. We are lucky to have her support and kudos to her for this well deserved recognition!

Davis Park Community Garden Proposal: Betsy summarized and explained the proposal brought forward by Kit Anderson, for a raised bed community garden at Davis Park. The members present discussed and all agreed they liked the idea and concept of the proposal, but recommended a slow, small start this year. There were concerns about costs and the budget if grants couldn't be secured.

Special Event Review and Planning: The last two meetings we discussed special events that have been cancelled or postponed, as well as potential new events to add next year. Lots of ideas have been passed around, but Betsy explained she was hoping to start narrowing down the focus to begin planning before we lose too much lead time. Due to the lack of quorum, no official vote was taken, but members present discussed and recommended a plan of action to be voted on at the next meeting in regarding the Winter Carnival event. We are hoping that a future event could take place at SCS, using the cafeteria and two gyms. Food vendors could use the cafeteria, active fun like bounce house and Big Blue Trunk in the big gym, and kids craft fair/ vendors in small gym. We still need to decide on an additional spring event.

OTHER BUSINESS: None

Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.