

**Shelburne Recreation Committee Minutes**  
**Monday, April 25, 2022 5:30 PM**  
**Shelburne Town Meeting Room 2**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Peggy Coutu, Bruce Whitbeck, Ann Clark, Kathie Pudvar, Erin Fina

**STAFF:** Betsy Cieplicki

**PUBLIC:** Jeff McBride

**Meeting called to order by Chair, Peggy Coutu at 5:40 pm.**

**Minutes from March 14, 2022 Meeting:** Motion was made by Kathie to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bruce. Minutes were approved as submitted.

**Public Comment:** Jeff McBride wished Peggy Coutu a Happy Birthday!

**Director's Report:**

*Program Update:* Shelburne Little League and Shelburne Lacrosse are both kicking off their spring season. They have started indoor practices, but will be heading outdoors for practices and games the week of April 25th. We currently have an Adult Yoga class going on that started in April as well. In May we will kick off our community Gardens and Preschool Soccer clinic.

*Special Events Update:* The Me and MY Special Person Dance was a large success with 164 tickets sold. We made about \$970 to help support special events! Our next event is Back to the Beach night on Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. We will need several helpers to cook and serve food at this event so please save the date!

*Office Update:* We are currently advertising and hiring for summer Beach Lifeguards, Beach Swim Instructor, and Grounds Maintenance laborer. Please help spread the word! Discussion was held regarding the staffing shortage and how we might best address the issue with how to manage the beach this season.

**Beach House Project:** Update and summary of where we are at was given by Jeff McBride. Overview of meeting discussion points for next steps. Currently waiting for proposals from CEA and Engineering Ventures for Civil

and Structural Engineer work. CEA did confirm that a Permit from the DEC will be required.

Three major areas to discuss: 1) Summary of site plan, setback issues and location of new building, 2) Discussion of Building materials for outside façade, type of windows and placement, 3) Detailed floor plan with some adjustments and edits from previous version.

1) Site plan discussion included visual demonstration of setbacks that we must adhere to and how that affect the location, if we choose to move it. Also considered other park features, sightlines and how the Beach House design would impact, interfere, or interact with other given features. Location can not move closer to water, which would not be desired at all anyway. Also cannot move any further south toward fence and property line. We still need some further information about size of holding tank and amount of room needed around that and distance from the beach house before marking final beach house location, but mostly likely we will move the same footprint directly west – away from the lake – between 20 and 30 feet.

Discussion was held regarding the path, or lack of path in some of the design examples, to the back of the building to the shower area. Accessible access to each of the featured areas, especially the porch, was discussed and Jeff will work on and consider some options for the next design detail based on feedback.

The sliding barn style doors on the sides of the porch were discussed on whether that element should be kept or discarded. Discussion leaned toward more reasons to not have them than to keep them, but a final decision was not made yet and will be impacted by other features still being worked out, including accessibility to the porch area.

2) Options for siding and building façade were discussed ranging from features to actual building materials. Cost, aesthetics, maintenance and other pros and cons were given consideration. Some new details discussed such as lattice work on porch front roof for ventilation and light. Material suggestions for siding were focused on the differences between wood and the perforated metal that was previously considered. A decision was made to proceed with wood due to cost, aesthetics and in keeping with the simplistic barn look.

Lighting and windows were considered with a few options. After consideration of cost and some design elements, a decision was made not to include skylights, but we will be able to keep the high ceilings inside. The window options had two very different looks, and security, privacy and

aesthetics were weighed in and a decision was made to use the continuous series of small, rectangular high windows just below the roofline, versus a few larger, lower more traditional windows for natural light.

Nesting birds and maintenance were given consideration at the suggestion of the Vermont State Parks contact in charge of all buildings. Horizontal surfaces with any protections (under eaves, skylight frames, etc) become an attraction to building nests and consideration into the design ahead of time can help deter.

3) The updated floor plan included one of the two accessible bathrooms with a urinal included, but the floor space had to be expanded slightly and the 2<sup>nd</sup> accessible bathroom would not be able to accommodate that as well. The other two bathrooms showed benches that were large enough to accommodate an adult changing station. In the bathroom access hallway, two drinking fountains were added, one of which will be lower for wheelchairs and kids. Finally, a built in bench along the entire back wall of the porch was added for seating.

**Other Business:** None

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**