

MINUTES  
RECREATION COMMITTEE  
MAY 3, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marvin Thomas, Peggy Coutu, Kathie Pudvar, Kelli Mangier, Renee Davitt, Ann Clark, Susan McLellan  
STAFF: Betsy Cieplicki,  
PUBLIC: Jeff McBride, Designer for Beach Project

Meeting called to order by Chair, Peggy Coutu

Last meeting's minutes approved as circulated

DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Betsy recently met with Shelburne Farms and they are clear re: no concerts this summer. However, they will let us take the stage but very difficult to move. Betsy has a lead on using docks for temporary staging for concerts.

Concerts are definitely scheduled at Shelburne Field House for July 21 and 23. Teddy Bear is all in for Fireworks Concert on August 3 with a rain date of August 4. Betsy is working on the process of booking bands and food trucks.

End of Beach Party: We need to work on the name of this event. It is scheduled for August 23 with no rain date. We will use the money that we ordinarily spend on food for a band and maybe will serve wrapped Popsicles. Betsy will speak to Chris Davis about alerting neighbors re: the event. Might not have a Bouncy House and maybe will have Big Blue Trunk.

Beach House Fund Raising: To date, letter drive has raised \$9,500 with money still arriving. Bruce wrote a compelling article for Front Porch Forum. \$20,000 from town budget operating budget that was designated for this project but deferred due to Covid will be transferred to the fund so it can rollover to next fiscal year.

JEFF MCBRIDE PRESENTATION:

Jeff said we need both a structural engineer and a civil engineer for the project. Jeff will work on this.

Jeff showed us a series of drawings re: how we can acknowledge donors of the project.

He also talked about the need for a landscape designer for the project.

Discussion ensued with Jeff re: how the wood involved in the project can be maintained.

There was some discussion re: should donors be recognized and Betsy will send out a survey to committee members re: this issue.

Other issues:

A letter has been sent to the Rotary Club re: a donation and Betsy is investigating the cost of an insert in Shelburne News re: our fundraising project. Shelburne News is also interested in doing an article on a new beach house.

Our fundraising ideas were discussed such as a Beach Camp Out, Coupon idea like Middlebury Lions Club does, a calendar like the Dog Park committee did. Ann will follow up with Shelburne Market re: coin for charity.

Renee said we need a big plan and more people involved, particularly young people. Kathie agreed.

Ann asked if bathrooms or a porta potty could be available at beach for Memorial Day Weekend.

Motion to adjourn.