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## Recreation Committee

## Meeting Minutes

**Date of Meeting:** Friday, August 22, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom

**Members Present:** Deena Ruege (chair), Sarah Costin, Marie Watson. Jen Holley was sitting in for Paula Iken.

1. The meeting came to order at 10 a.m. The committee reviewed the minutes from July 25, 2025: accepted as is by Sarah and seconded by Marie. Deena noted a needed correction in the May minutes. Ladies donating the bench in memory of their friend should read Sarah Beebe and Julie Robertson. Jen indicated that the correction was made.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement

None

3. Announcements

None

4. Public Comments: Harold Rowe was not present.

5. Updates

- **Memorial bench:** Sarah Beebe has not contacted us yet.
- **Security cameras:** Vosker cameras LTE and solar have not been ordered yet.
- **Message board:** waiting on security cameras.
- **Bathroom roof:** Mike still intends to re-shingle the bathroom roof.
- **Memorial plaque:** The Marino's were contacted to approve the memorial plaque wording for their mom/wife, Barbara Marino. **Deena brought the information to Iconic** in Bennington who will design the plaque.
- **Cleveland Ave Park:** The DPW has **mulched both** the **Howard Park and Cleveland Ave Park** playgrounds with meticulous care.
- **Cement planters:** This is **on hold**, dependent on where the dog park(s) will be located. We need to **invite the Garden Club** to join us in the spring.
- **Clear coat Howard Park sign:** **Sarah volunteered to clear coat them again** as a precaution that this was overlooked.
- **Storyboard Walk:** Due to the **vandalism of the storyboards**, we will be **removing the 14 boards now** instead of in October. **Sarah and Marie** volunteered to **take them down** and **store them at SES** until next year.

**Sarah Case** had **requested funds** to support the story walk for laminating film and purchasing books. To date the **Mary Monroe Hawkins Library Association** is **supporting the story walk financially** and Emily Umphlet has been laminating materials for the story walk and the Art Gallery. Sarah C. was unaware that Emily was reimbursed by the Town of Shaftsbury for the laminating film. **Sarah requested monies to be given to the Library Association to cover their expenditure:** this includes **replenishing the film supply** and **buying books for next summer's story walk**. Deena suggested this expenditure be included in our budget. **Marie Watson** is a **member of the Library group**. She will **find out about funding** at the MMHL Association's meeting in September and **report back to our committee**.

**Jen Holley** and the **DPW crew** removed the rotted wooden **platform** from marker#5. Jen suggested **replacing the platform** with a **picnic table positioned on a crushed stone base**.

- **Resurfacing of Tennis Courts:** Paula **does not have a date yet** to resurface the courts. Relining will have 2 tennis and 1 pickleball court on each tennis court. We also spoke of moveable nets for the pickleball courts.
- **Dog Park:** Sarah has been **looking at a different area of Howard Park** to construct our dog parks. There is a large flat, easily accessed area from Buck Hill or Howard Park Rd that would suite our needs. There would be more area for the dogs to run. Setting up a large dog and small dog area would not be an issue. **Sarah will check into everything** to make this happen: permits, legalities.

#### 6. New Business

- **CCDC:** There was an event planned as a "soft launch" at the town green for Friday, August 22. It was movie night at the Green to watch Mirror, Mirror. Any future events need to go through the Recreation Committee. We knew nothing of it. **There needs to be an official inaugural opening event put on by the Recreation Committee.** Jen Holley has created a **Shaftsbury Town Green logo** that is lovely. Events to be held at the Town Green: food trucks, craft, farmers market, etc. There is much to think about: pricing structure for events, residents v. nonresident pricing. We need to think about advertising use/events in the Green.
- Marie moved to adjourn at 10:40, Sarah second the adjournment.

#### 7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned: 10:40 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting: Sept 26, 2025

Respectfully submitted: Deena Ruege