

Minutes of the Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting
December 11, 2019
1:30 pm

Present: Rita Farrell, Christine Robinson, BZ Reilly, Christine Marglin

Agenda:

What are we doing as a committee?

Now that we are no longer running exercise classes, what will our activities be going forward? We are out of funding for this year, having spent our budget on fitness classes.

BZ had an idea to create a mural, and successfully applied for funding for it, to be painted at the Athletic Club. However, the AC is getting a new roof and so the mural couldn't be done. The mural could be created elsewhere. It's a mural about the town of Shutesbury and could be appropriate in a number of places.

Is there a definition of recreation committee?

BZ's ideas:

Recycle Day of working with broken things, fixing them and making them useable with donated expert time. This has been done in other towns.

Tree planting. Could be done with the conservation committee. The school wants to do a community garden, and/or a greenhouse at the school. They already have raised beds at the school.

A town chorus, similar to Leverett's. We would need a dynamic leader.

Game night.

Lecture series. For instance, death cafes, green burial, local authors talking about their work, and so on.

Return to working on trails.

Jen's idea to hold a winter carnival.

We could possibly work with the library on these projects.

Community Preservation Act has funded a number of projects in town, such as the gazebo at the lake and the playground for young children at SES. Rita will research what CPA has funded in the past to gain a sense of what it might fund going forward and will look into applying for funds.

CPA money might be available for a community garden and/or greenhouse. This would be a great multigenerational project. Signage for trails also needs funding, possibly from CPA.

BZ will pursue a community chorus.

Christine R will talk with a Melissa Warwick, a parent at the school who is caring for school gardens.

Trails: we need to reassemble those interested in the past, such as Gary and Huckle, and go forward. We will discuss this further in January. Christine M will talk with Elizabeth about community gardens and trails.

January agenda:

Community Garden, Greenhouse
Trails

Approval of last meeting's minutes.

Next Meeting: Friday, January 3 at 1 PM