

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

September 30, 2020

2 pm

Present: BZ Reilly, Christine Robinson and Christine Marglin, Barbara Bigelow, Elaine Puleo

BZ called the meeting to order at 2pm.

Agenda

Discussion of survey to assess interest in community garden project.

Approval of minutes from last meeting, September 10

The survey is open. Christines M and R filled it out, so we know it works. It will be in the town newsletter digitally for all except those without email, who will receive a paper copy, and Town Announce. Elaine will also ask the select board to put the survey on the town face page. BZ can also ask Mary Anne to put it on the library webpage. Christine R will see if it could go into Roadtown News from SES. Christine R suggests a paper notice going up at the post office and library bulletin boards; BZ will create a flyer.

BZ: we should begin estimating the costs associated with each location possible. Research must be done into the cost of water for each site. Probably no cost for the fire station, school and town hall aside from hoses, but at Lot 32 there may be higher costs. A town water supply exists there; Elaine will research whether it is accessible. What costs could community preservation money be used for? Rita believed infrastructure kinds of costs could be done with that money. An underground hose or conduit might be necessary to bring water to all the plots without asking people to share a single hose or water pump. Rita can be invited to the next meeting to answer questions about these funds. We may want to have a shed for tools, as is true of other community gardens. People might alternately be asked to bring their own tools, so that a shed might not be necessary, certainly to begin. Fencing to keep out animals might also be necessary. Costs of fencing also need to be researched. Christine R will research this.

The Pelham garden is a good model for size. We can all make an effort to look into community gardens in the area and get more information. Christine M will send the Pelham garden people an email asking for information and advice.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 28 at 3 pm.
BZ adjourned the meeting at 2:29.