

## Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

October 29, 2020

3 pm

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

Absent: Christine Robinson

BZ called the meeting to order at 3:13pm.

### Agenda

- 1: Approve Minutes from previous meeting
- 2: Update meeting notes to town website
- 3: Discuss garden project
- 4: Budget discussion
- 5: Other items unanticipated by chair

Minutes from last meeting approved.

Christine M will send minutes to Grace, Town Clerk.

Elaine reported in the results to date of the survey to assess interest in a community garden:

12 responses, 9 interested, 3 unsure

Location preference:

6 behind Town Hall

2 at the school

2 at lot O32

One person, Elizabeth, wants the garden to be at Lake Wyola for people to include people with food insecurity coming from other towns as well as lake area residents. We feel this is not feasible at this time, though a great idea, as the land belongs to the state. BZ will email Elizabeth.

9 all organic, 3 unsure

10 would pay fees, 2 unsure

11 would participate in the work of the garden, 1 unsure

All are willing to be flexible about where the garden is located.

We have enough interest to proceed.

We will apply for a Community Preservation grant: determination of eligibility form to be submitted first, by the December 4 deadline, briefly summarizing the project. The funds can be used to create the infrastructure for the community garden. Laying out the beds ready for planting, with paths, water, and fencing. We need to go to Town Meeting to determine location of the garden.

Grant application requires we describe the expected results of the project, what the funds are to be used for, the amount requested, and a signature.

CP funds have previously gone to restore the carriage house and stones at the cemetery, to explore the foundation of the old town hall, and to restore the one room schoolhouses.

BZ: Shutesbury used to be a farming community so in some ways this project restores the town's past.

Rough estimate of costs:

Fencing: Approximately \$5-10 per linear foot at 1000 feet = 5,000-10,000

Water delivery to garden plots (underground pipe): \$1000

Soil, compost, path materials such as wood chips: \$1000

Roto-tilling: we might be able to get this donated

Hose: \$100

Total estimate requested: \$15,000

Elaine will tell CP committee to expect our proposal and send us a draft of the proposal.

The budget breakdown would be required in February.

Town approval: Town Meeting in May. Meanwhile we will present the idea to the community preservation committee followed by the select board.

Elaine will ask Becky about selection of a place for the garden.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 18 at 3pm.

BZ adjourned meeting at 3:58.

