

## Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

January 21, 2021

2 pm

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

BZ called the meeting to order at 2:02 pm.

### Agenda

- 1: Approve Minutes from previous meeting
- 2: Finalize Community Preservation Plan application for garden project
- 3: Other items unanticipated by chair

Minutes from last meeting approved.

BZ has spoken with Wm. Levine, a town resident, who has a tractor, has done community gardens, is involved with the Farm School and he is willing to help us. He should be a great asset. She will ask him for a letter of support. Mary Anne will also write a letter, and advises starting small. If we don't do everything the first year, we can add things in subsequent years. This is in accord with what we've planned for in our application. She also suggested holding classes, such as a permaculture class. Beginning garden classes would also be good. Chris Warren and Jeff Fishman, previous residents, took classes at the Hitchcock Center in wildflower fields, and might be able to teach classes in that subject. Christine R will get a letter of support from the Highway Department. She will also talk the FD about filling the water tank for the garden. We would like a letter of commitment that the FD would fill the tank.

CPC meeting is Feb 4 at 7 pm.

CPC open hearing is March 4 or 18 at 7 pm.

We can create a template of rules and regulations used by other towns community gardens when devising our own next winter. We will involve others in maintenance responsibilities, creating a community garden committee separate from the recreation committee.

In finalizing the application, we are trying to determine a realistic budget for paying teens or adults to do some of the work necessary. Elaine will make a few updates and corrections to the final draft. Letters will be appended.

Warrant articles come out sometime end March/early April for town meeting.

Next meeting: February 11 at 2pm.

Meeting adjourned 2:40 pm.