

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

March 23, 2021

4 pm

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

BZ called the meeting to order at 4:02 pm.

Agenda

- 1: Approve Minutes from previous meeting
- 2: Discuss assorted, accumulated committee business
- 3: Other items unanticipated by chair

Needed: Annual report from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Need to send to Linda Scott by end of March. The report says what we did for the year. Christine M will check minutes and send to BZ to write report.

Minutes from last meeting approved.

BZ resigns as chair and Barbara will take over as of today. BZ will remain on the committee. Elaine will let the Web committee know Barbara is contact person going forward. A letter to the select board:

To Linda Scott and the Select Board:

We, the Recreation Committee, inform you that as of our meeting on March 23, 2021, BZ Reilly stepped down as chair and the committee unanimously voted to have Barbara Bigelow take over as chair. BZ will remain on the committee.

Sincerely,

The Recreation Committee

(Barbara Bigelow, chair; Christine Marglin, Elaine Puleo, BZ Reilly, Christine Robinson)

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Gmail account has not been tended in recent years. Barbara Bigelow will now begun monitoring the account.

BZ will also hand off The Notebook of Power to Barbara. Ceremony date to be announced.

Our website: two other committees overlap with us, Conservation Commission and Open Space. These committees, working on trails, have wanted our support for their projects. OS sent us a survey about open space amenities for our feedback. Elaine will send out the survey to our committee. Barbara will ask them if the information is still relevant to them, since they had hoped to have it sooner. Gail Fleischaker on the web committee also wants to know if we would put something on our website, an interactive map of the NE Trail, ten miles of which go through Shutesbury.

People want to know about swim lessons at the beach. We have never done that, it is a private arrangement with the instructor.

Celebrate Shutesbury: we have declined to run it in the past and can't take it on now. Someone will need to take it over if it is to continue. A committee dedicated to this event might be a good idea as it is a major responsibility.

We currently have no involvement with exercise classes, after having handled them during the wintertime for a couple of years. The library now handles those classes entirely. Funds from our budget have gone into those classes.

Our budget: We have no current expenses. Our budget currently has \$1000.

Barbara: Nuestras Raices in Holyoke supports tenant farmers, helps launch small businesses, and is very active in issues of food insecurity. They specialize in growing food central to Latin American cuisine, and also have a commercial kitchen, classes in entrepreneurship, and many other activities. They have expertise in community gardens, we may have information or other resources that is of use to them, and we could possibly connect with them. Barbara will contact them on behalf of the committee.

Barbara brought the meeting to a close at 4:59 pm.

Next meeting: April 27 at 4pm.

Agenda for next meeting: planning for the garden before Town Meeting June 5.