

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

4:00, Zoom

Meeting begun: 4:01

Present: Barbara Bigelow, Ann Brigham, Christine Marglin (taking minutes), Elaine Puleo, BZ Reily, Christine Robinson

Approval of minutes from February 28 meeting

Agenda:

1. Skate vouchers
2. Confirm date for Family Field Day
3. Review programming for spring
4. Discuss request for additional positions on the Committee
5. Brainstorm locations for outdoor pickleball court & plan visits to the sites
6. Other business

Skate vouchers update: Christine R spoke with Steve C at SES who informed her no one used the vouchers. Reasons unknown, possibly weather, possibly inability to get to Springfield. Steven connected with families multiple times who wanted to use them but never did. Barbara suggests we put the unused funds from this to pay for a bouncy house for field day, or other expenses for field day. Insurance at school may not cover bouncy house, Steve can be asked to look into it. We can decide your next meeting.

In answer to a query, Barbara explains Celebrate Shutesbury will not happen this spring.

Sanctuary Visit, Saturday, April 15 at noon; sanctuary visit sign up to date: 12 adults, 5 kids: 2 5 year olds, 1 9 year old, 1 10 year old, one age unknown.

Invasive Plants workshop: Saturday, May 13, place TBD, somewhere with knotweed in abundance.

Ancient Ponies Farm visit: May 27 at 10 am.

Family Field Day, Saturday June 10. Following Saturday is rain date.

Increased membership for our committee:

BZ suggests putting up a flyer at the library asking for new committee members if new members are approved by the Select Board. There may be other places/events to publicize the call for more members, and we are generating ideas for younger family people in particular to invite.

Pickle ball: outdoor courts? Ann reports some people are interested. Pickle ball is noisy. Can't be close to people's homes. Some people are willing to volunteer to dig out a court, or to rally others in town to do the work. A paved surface is needed. Building a pickleball court is expensive. Seems to range from \$15,000 - \$40,000, depending upon surface used, leveling of ground necessary, etc. Shutesbury Athletic Club might be a possible site. Behind the fire station is another possibility. There is also space behind town hall, but the land is sloped. A separate committee would be necessary for this, supported by us. Barbara will invite Brian to our next meeting to discuss further.

Meeting adjourned: 4:52

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 25, 4 pm