

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

4:00, Zoom

Meeting begun: 4:00

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

Absent: Elaine Puleo

Agenda:

1. Reminder of seasonal walks
2. All town email re: Turkey Trot
3. Ideas for programming for remainder of the year
4. Process for responding to ideas from residents
5. Follow-up on soccer for young kids
6. Chairing committee (Barbara)

Approval of last month's minutes.

Open Space members have been invited to attend one of our meetings to discuss walks.

Turkey Trot, library benefit: okay to promote it even though it isn't a Recreation Committee event? We agree it is. Ideas were discussed for promoting the event.

Programming:

Mushroom walk, invasive plants? Ferns? Tree identification? Night sky outing? Someone who lives near the church has done a night sky event in the past and might be able to do it again. A workshop in growing mushrooms might be a follow up to foraging.

Helen Ann Sephton, recently retired from Hitchcock Center, might be a good resource or committee member. BZ will speak with her. Possibly she could lead a bird watching walk.

Christine R will ask Mary Ann at the library about names of people in town to lead these walks and events.

Process for responding to ideas from residents:

Residents should be invited to come to meetings and represent their ideas in about 15 minutes. If they can't attend the meeting, they can be invited to write up a description of their proposal, specifying what they are looking for in terms of support.

Soccer:

The resident suggesting we sponsor soccer for young children would like financial support for supplies, she will come to a future meeting to discuss.

New chair:

If no one wishes to step up from the committee, Barbara will look outside of it for a new chair.

Meeting adjourned: 4:45

Next meeting: Tuesday, November 28, 2023 at 4.