

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026  
4:00, Zoom  
Meeting begun: 4:03

Committee Members Present: Barbara Bigelow & Sam Spisiak, cochairs, Ann Brigham, Jessica Carlson-Belanger, Christine Marglin, Christine Robinson, Elaine Puleo, Diane Adams, Ann Gagliardi

### Agenda

1. Trivia Night update (Ann Brigham) 9 teams have currently registered. Planning going well. Room for 4 more teams. Thinking of planning another in the winter depending on how this one goes. It starts at 6:30. \$240 total cost of prizes (1<sup>st</sup> place to the Cupcake Shop for \$20 and other prizes \$10 coffeeshop)  
Vote to spend \$240 plus incidentals. Motion to approve Barbara. Second Sam  
Unanimous approval
2. Improv Workshop (Christine Marglin) – checking on time for when it could be and thinking of where it could be
2. New program ideas (Jess Carlson Belanger)
  - a. Lake Wyola regatta
  - b. Dance hour
  - c. Tai Chi
  - d. Pickleball – it takes a great deal of effort/money to create. We'll take this off our plate
  - e. GaGa ball – just a heads up and if we'd sponsor a grant proposal to CPC for next year
  - f. Hi- Vis vests for hunting season – library has some so this is a low priority
  - g. Mushroom identifying – Jessica Benson Evans
  - h. Bird watching – migration in the spring – check with Clif
  - i. Gear swap – winter gear for kids / bike swap during bike repair day – Community Network for Children Gillian would be who we'd contact. Let's do the bike swap first and see how it goes
  - j. Garden planting - Diane Jacoby's farm has a greenhouse, and remember we have a CPA grant. Fruition seeds offers seeds – Ann G will contact her for more infoThis will be a regular item on our agenda to generate new ideas
4. Make web page more engaging (Barbara Bigelow) – this is ongoing and input welcome
5. Create a calendar of events (Jess Carlson Belanger and Barbara Bigelow)  
– put it on the webpage. Sam will help with this
6. Apply for grants (Jess Carlson Belanger)  
Postpone discussion. Put this on the next meeting agenda

7. 3 pairs of snowshoes have been purchased and are at the library. The whole budget hasn't been spent yet but we don't have release forms available yet so no loaning at this time.

8. 2 hike meet ups happened over the past 2 months: 1<sup>st</sup> had 10 people show up, 2<sup>nd</sup> 14 people showed up. Everyone enjoyed it. Next one is Feb 8 from 1-2 on New Boston Road

9. Letter of support for CPA grant written by the Elliot Park committee to repair and restore the buildings at the park. No monetary request was made.

Motion: Christine M second Christine R

Unanimous vote to approve.

Approval of previous minutes. Motion to approve: Diane Second: Christine M  
Elaine Abstain. Barbara, Sam, Ann B, Jessica, Christine M, Christine R, Diane and Ann G  
yes

Motion to approve passes.

Motion to adjourn Sam second Christine R

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned 5:02

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 24, 2026, 4 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine