

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
4:00, Zoom
Meeting began: 4:01

Committee Members Present: Barbara Bigelow & Sam Spisiak, cochairs, Ann Brigham, Elaine Puleo, Diane Adams, Christine Marglin, Ann Gagliardi, Jessica Carlson-Belanger
Committee members not present: Christine Robinson

Agenda

1. Minutes Approval – minutes of Jan 27, 2026 were approved unanimously
2. Trivia Night (Ann Brigham) – 15 teams approximately 60 people. Definitely needed 4 people to run it. Will plan another in the future
3. Snow shoes (Sam Spisiak) 3 pairs purchased, they are circulating and things are going well. Possibly get more in the future but for now that's enough for the library to handle
4. Updates on upcoming and ongoing activities
Jess – update on hikes. Only 4 people last time but that was due to cold weather. Next hike is at Lake Wyola on March 7th at 1PM. Will keep this up monthly.
Barbara and Christine running improv workshop on Saturday afternoon Feb 28
The library received a grant for birding activities – Barbara will coordinate with Clif
Read on when/where we will have an activity
Barbara will check in with MaryAnne to be sure that the \$1000 we annually give to the library has actually been received.
5. Bike spring tune-up and bike swap – money spent on bike parts and tune-up items about \$100-200. Would like to do it the week before the library tag sale so left over bikes can go to the sale. – Sam and Andy will coordinate that.
6. Letter of support for Conservation Committee CPA proposal (written by Barbara)
Motion: Diane moved second Ann
Unanimous vote to approve.
7. Community Garden CPC grant
Motion to send a letter to the CPC that we are not going to be creating a community garden at this time and we would like to release the money that has been awarded.
Motion: Elaine moved Barbara second
Unanimous vote to approve

8. New program ideas

- a. GaGa ball – cost between \$1-2K for the equipment. We'll look at applying for a CPC grant for that in FY27
- b. Mushroom identifying – Jessica Benson Evans – still in the mix
- c. Garden planting - Ann G will contact Fruition seeds for a date/time to offer this
- d. Dance night – Jessica is still thinking about this and we'll discuss at a later time.
- e. Kite flying day – will happen this spring Sam will coordinate
- f. Will we help with celebrating the 250th country anniversary – Sam will find out from Mary Anne what the library is proposing to do and if we will join forces

Motion to adjourn Barbara second Sam

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned 4:48

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

Minutes respectfully submitted by Elaine