

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2026
Remote meeting on Zoom
Meeting began: 4:00

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

Agenda

1. Approve minutes 4/28/26 meeting

2. Provide updates on on-going and completed programs since 4/28

- We polled the regular attendees of the Stitch-ins to find a time to meet when the library is open so the meetings are not dependent on Sam or me being available to unlock doors. The two most popular times were Friday 3-5 and Friday 4-6. Proposed time is drop-in 3-6 on Fridays. Everyone but one person can make that time.
 - Propose we cancel Sunday 5/31 because Barbara is out of town and Sam is doing soccer at that time. Start the Friday time on June 5.
 - To do: Sam send out a town-wide email and Barbara send an email to the regular attendees.
- Hikes a big success! Current approach of scheduling them once a month - the last Sunday works well.
 - Confirm that Diane and Barbara will lead 6/28 walk at Pine Brook Camp.
- Bike tune-up. Another successful event. Get an update from Sam and Diane and document now changes we might want to make for next year.
- Soccer. Sam provide update – is another successful program. Confirm this is spring and fall.
- Basketball – people loved it so it will happen again in the colder months
- Kite flying event – let's move that to the Town Birthday party event.

3. Review planned programming: mushroom id and Trivia Night

- Mushroom walk scheduled for Saturday, October 3, from 10-12. We will want to publicize this with the library event that is a talk about fungi scheduled for late September
- Trivia Nights – let's plan on November 7th and one in February. Check with SAC for a date. Who will be on the committee? - Ann, Jessica, Barbara and Diane. We could think of something else such as competitive puzzling and/or game night. We want to have one indoor event per month in the winter.

- Bird watching on Saturday May 30th at 6AM at Lake Wyola – Diane and Clif Read. Another town-wide email will go out for soccer, bird watching and hiking.

4. Rec Committee tribute to Christine (birdhouses)

- Christine, Jess and Barbara met to discuss a tribute for Christine. We propose putting bird houses in opportune places around the library. The plan so far to reach out to David Moser to build bird houses to determine what kinds of birds and what size house and to make them. This would work for December so people could build them as gifts. Elaine will explore kits and people who would help build.

5. Other

- Vote on new meeting time for committee. Based on survey, 5-6 on Tuesdays works for all. If vote is favorable Barbara will book that time for as many months in advance in this new fiscal year as possible. This will start on the 4th Tuesday of June 5-6PM

- New ideas–

Something like a Stone Soup Café that would be in honor of Christine.

Spaghetti Dinner the night before the Turkey Trot

Garden tour – suggested to table until August – maybe have Elizabeth return to discuss seed saving or have people visit her garden.

- New members – Jess.
 - Three teens are interested, Jess will invite them to our June meeting and we'll see what their interest level is.
- Budget – have spent \$2051.12 this fiscal year. Barbar proposes to provide library with \$949 toward exercise classes or other programming as Mary Anne sees fit. Jess seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.
- Next meeting June 23. 5-6PM
- We will not have a meeting in July unless something comes up at the June meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56PM