

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 23, 2026
Remote meeting on Zoom
Meeting began: 5:03

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

Agenda

1. Approve minutes of May 26

2. Review current programming (recently done)

- a. Bird watching with Clif Read 5/30. Rainy but 9 people were there and they saw many birds.
- b. Monthly hike @ Freeman Road 5/31 – no one here participated but heard that it went well
- c. pick up soccer on Sunday morning has ended for the year.

3. Review future programming

- a. Birdhouses in memory of Christine Robinson – current sub-committee Barbara,

Christine and Jess

Build bird houses to place in and around the library garden beds and woods

Timing: have them ready to put out in early spring/late winter 2027

- b. Mushroom walk 10/3. Mushroom talk @ library 10/1. Diane is organizing/coordinating with library – Barbara will help.
- c. Do we want to do another night sky event with Tom in August. Yes. Barbara able to organize this. – the library and Tom are planning 4 nights using only naked eye. Barbara will coordinate with Tom and then just use town announce to let people know if the event will be held on the specific night.
- d. Trivia nights November and February. Need committee for November. – September sub-committee will be formed
- e. Two more walks scheduled: 6/28 @ Pine Brook – Diane and Barbara will be in attendance and 7/26 @ Poverty Mountain. Dogs are not allowed and we need to put this on the flyer.
- f. Stitch-ins – starting on Friday - every week 3-6 PM at the library
- g. Seed saving? Ask Elizabeth if she's interested? Annie will contact her to see if she'd be interested.

4. New members

Nico – very interested in the outdoors – hiking, bird watching etc. Rising senior at ARHS. Want to bring a youthful eye to the committee. Lived in Shutesbury his whole life – looking to be involved. Unanimous vote to have him a member of the committee.

Miranda, and Josie didn't come to the meeting. We'll meet with them at the next meeting.

5. Other business

Lake Wyola advisory committee – looking for a member representing the committee. Will ask Cat Hilton (who is on the committee) for some information on what it entails.

Adjourn 5:41 PM