

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

4:00, Zoom

Meeting begun: 4:01

Present: Barbara Bigelow & Sam Spisiak, cochairs, Ann Brigham, Jessica Carlson-Belanger, Christine Marglin (taking minutes), Elaine Puleo

Absent: Christine Robinson

Guest: Ann Gagliardi

Agenda:

1. New members
2. Monthly hikes (Jessica)
3. Basketball (Sam)
4. Shutesbury geology (determine honorarium)
5. Purchase snow shoes for lending
6. Hikes
7. Stitch-In (something for library)
8. Trivia Night ... subcommittee
9. New secretary
10. Other

Approved previous minutes

Sam: would like to host basketball at SES on Sundays, would like help opening and closing the building. There will be a minimal cost to use the building, and Sam will ask about using their balls. Jessica may be able to help some Sundays.

Shutesbury geology event is this Saturday. Three geologists will lead, Al Warner, a Shutesbury resident, and two others. Honorarium of \$100 each approved by committee.

Snowshoes: Ann suggests Sierra Trading Post as a potentially good place to purchase. How many sets to purchase is unclear. We would ask the library to keep them and let people check them out. Then the library would own them, though we would purchase them. For this reason Elaine feels we should purchase only children's sizes. Vote to purchase two adult sizes and three children's approved, up to a limit of \$500.

Hikes: Jessica asked Beth Wilson of the Conservation Commission to co-lead one hike a month, sometimes Saturdays, sometimes Sundays, alternating between 11 and 1 for start time. They want to begin this Sunday at 11 am at the Houston-Gage trail. Next one would be December 14 at Brushy Mountain Trail at 1. Third, New Year's Day at 11 at Bright Water Bog. Heavy rain

cancels. Would be good to purchase fluorescent vests for safety during hunting seasons. Hiking only on Sundays in hiking seasons would also be good. Unclear whether dogs will be included or not. Vote to approve hikes approved.

Stitch-in: group has met twice this year, going well. Every other week, 9-11 am, ongoing. Idea came up to make something, such as a wall hanging, as a group for the library.

Trivia Night: Ann wants to host a trivia during winter. Barbara is interested in helping. Ann would emcee. There are different rounds, score keeping, small prizes. Lively, light hearted fun, might bring different people out than come to other things. Competitive crossword puzzling is another idea. Jessica and Christine are also willing to help with these ideas. Perhaps an event can be scheduled in February. Vote to hold a trivia night at SAC or library approved.

New minute taker! Christine is ready to pass the keyboard. If anyone wishes to take on the task, contact Barbara.

Meeting adjourned 4:57

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 25, 2026, 4 pm