

Minutes of the Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting
March 20, 2019
10 am

Present: Rita Farrell, Christine Robinson, Christine Marglin
Absent: Elizabeth Fernandez O'Brien absent at first, then joins meeting at 10:43 via phone; BZ Reilly

Approval of minutes from January 16, 2019 meeting.

Rita will write up minutes from February 13, 2019 meeting.

Rita has a budget and financial report. Tentative report as of 3/1/19 indicates balance of \$835.

\$505 collected for March classes. Originally budgeted for teachers: \$720, 8 x \$65 for Kathy and 4 x \$50 for Sasha.

Actual March expenses are \$540 for Kathy and Sasha combined. From Rita's records, after subtracting March expenses there should be a balance of \$855.

We were not expecting to cover costs of classes in original budget but did cover them due to teacher cancellations. Teachers are paid for snow day cancellations but not for illness or other teacher cancellations.

We are partly responsible for classes beginning in April. We have partial responsibility with the library, the COA and the Cultural Council. The classes have been announced by the library. Rita will check in with the library about class calendar. We should be able to provide the \$750 we agreed to for classes.

Substitute for next Wednesday's Gentle Yoga: Christine has contacted Sasha and Mary Anne about this.

Policy for out of town participants in classes: should priority be given to town residents? Yes. At the end of registration period the classes can be open to residents of other towns providing space is available. Motion made, seconded and passed unanimously.

The Recreation Committee could be cosponsoring events such as a planned snowshoe walk that was cancelled due to road conditions. We should meet regularly with the library to discuss things going on, future plans, and to check in about coordinating events and activities. Mary Anne should be invited to another meeting.

Trails: we need to reconvene our trails advisory group and think about adding more walks to our website and scheduling a late spring walk, perhaps in June. We can plan and schedule this in April and May.

Jessica at SES wants to know if the committee will work with her on Celebrate Shutesbury Day, which happens in the fall. Elizabeth: we can promote trail walking at SES when the school is planning walks. We could also offer to post a sign asking people to clean up after their dogs on the loop behind the school, and also explore adding other enhancements, such as bird feeders, to that walking track.

Agenda for next meeting will include coordinating with SES. Jessica will be contacted by Christine R.

Elizabeth: Could we discuss sponsoring a garden club or group? Rita and others in an ad hoc group have planted around Town Hall and elsewhere in town. Entry fees from a garden tour were previously used to fund the plantings. Someone has raised the question of funding a greenhouse at the school. Elizabeth is interested in a community garden. That will be added to next meeting's agenda.

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at 10 am.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10.