

Shutesbury Recreation Committee Meeting

Via Zoom

June 29, 2021

4 pm

Present: Barabara Bigelow, BZ Reilly, Elaine Puleo, Christine Marglin

Absent: Christine Robinson

Barbara called the meeting to order at 4:05 pm

## Agenda:

Approval of last minutes

Discussion of timeline for the community garden

## Timeline

July 2021 – October 2021

First a contract should be signed between the CPC and Rec Committee, to be facilitated by Elaine.

### 1. Dethatch space

BZ would do this with a bucket loader, skimming off the top. Barbara will arrange dethatching 6-8 inches with building crew. She and BZ will meet at site and measure and decide dethatching area.

Rocks need to be removed before top soil is delivered.

Barbara has learned about cardboard for soil covering, and wants to talk with someone who knows a lot about this and see if rock removal could be skipped. And also if this person would like to offer workshops.

An activity around rock collecting and painting might be good, BZ will see if the library would like to get involved. Rock collecting would happen in the fall.

2. Get soil and compost delivered to center of garden space  
Martin's Farm might be a good source.

PR to promote the garden plus contacting people who have expressed interest previously. Barbara can put something in Town Announce and Roadtown News.

A committee can be gathered to create bylaws from among interested gardeners.

We won't make purchases until winter.

We should begin collecting cardboard.

Pollinator workshop leader from UMass happy to give presentations.

Contact gardening committee to get them involved.

We can write something for the newsletter in our next meeting.

Next meeting: Tuesday, July 27 at 7pm.

Barbara adjourned the meeting at 4:32

Remainder of timeline Barbara created, not discussed during the meeting:

3. Build fence

4. Prepare 8 beds for planting in 2022

5. Get woodchips and prepare walkways between beds and to the garden

November 2021 – February 2022

1. Create written handbook of rules and responsibilities
2. Solicit gardeners
3. Request the creation of a revolving fund account for collecting fees and future purchases

Mid to late March 2022

1. Purchase and build shed
2. Purchase garden carts and tools
3. Purchase picnic table
4. Purchase water tank
5. Assign plots to gardeners

Early April 2022

1. Fill water tank

Spring 2022

1. Start gardening