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Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices at Cole Hall

Meeting Minutes

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Recreation Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Friday, **February 27, 2026**, at 10:00 AM, in person at Cole Hall and remotely via Zoom.

In attendance: Deena Ruege, Sarah Costin, Liz Duffy, Kate Oklein, Marie Watson

1. Call to Order/Review of Minutes

The minutes from the January 23, 2025, meeting were reviewed. Ms. Ruege called for a motion to approve. Ms. Costin moved; Ms. Watson seconded. Minutes were approved.

2. Conflict of Interest Statement: None

3. Announcements: None

4. Public Comments: None

5. Updates: Tennis court and pickleball court scheduled to be resurfaced and relined in July.

- Work on **Dog park** will resume when the weather improves. It's been a hard winter and any work was put on hold.
- **Memorial plaque** for **Barb Marino** will be put up on the Art Gallery at Howard Park after park clean-up and the weather gets more spring-like. A **memorial plaque** for **Helen Olney** is also in the works along with a **bench** and **native tree** to commemorate her years of service to Howard Park and the Recreation Committee.
- **Solar Lights** have not been installed yet due to the constant snow. Only the cameras are up and running. We are waiting for the "great thaw" to install the lights.
- **Safety check of Cleveland Park playground** equipment has not be done yet due to heavy snowfall and extremely cold weather.

6. New Business: Due to unprecedented weather conditions, **The Moonlight Walk** that is being held on March 3, 2026, needs to be postponed, date TBD. Deena will contact Jen Holley to spread the word on the Town website and other avenues that we use. Posters that have already been advertising the event will be marked with the postponement notice. A suggestion was made that we could pair this event with a fairy house theme when the weather improves.

- A community member has asked about renting the Town Green for a group tag sale. We thought that this was a good idea in order to utilize the green space. We need clarification/restrictions about the types of activities that would be allowed on the space, hours of use, a rental fee scale, need for porta potty on site, access to electricity, to name a few things to consider.

Generate a Town Green questionnaire for feedback from the community on usage of the green space. Deena will create a 5 question survey that will be brought to the Town Meeting on March 2 by Marie. We can start getting feedback from the community. The questionnaire is being sent to Jen H. for posting on our Town web page. Community members can easily access the survey online. We appreciate their input as we move forward

7. Adjournment: Sarah motioned to adjourn, Marie second.

Meeting adjourned: 10:42 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting: March, 27, 2026 at Cole Hall

Respectfully submitted: Deena Ruege