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# Town of Shaftsbury

Municipal Offices

## Meeting Minutes

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### Recreation Committee

**Date of Meeting:** Friday, **May 1, 2026**, at 10:04 AM in the new Town Offices.

**In attendance:** Deena Ruege, Liz Duffy, Marie Watson

#### 1) Call to Order/Review of Minutes

The minutes from the March 27, 2026 meeting were reviewed. Ms. Ruege called for a motion to approve. Ms. Watson moved; Ms. Duffy seconded. Minutes were approved.

#### 2) Conflict of Interest Statement: None

**3) Announcements:** On Green Up Day, Julie Hoar inquired about joining our committee. We suggested that she send a letter of intent to Paula Iken.

#### 4) Public Comments: None

#### 5) Updates:

- a) **Marie shared photos** of the cleared upper field and the new parking area below it. Progress is clearly being made.
- b) **Mike Yannotti** will put up Barb Marino's memorial plaque on the Art Gallery Board. He will also **install our bulletin board** at Howard Park. Mike is obtaining information on **installing electricity** on the Town Green.
- c) **Solar light is installed.** To date, no poor behavior recorded **Liz Duffy will contact Emily Umphlett** at SES to provide updated **pictures** for the Art Gallery. She will also research and automatic **stapler gun** for installing the art.
- d) **Tennis courts** will be **resurfaced** in **July 2026**. Deena will check with Paula to find out if the **tennis nets** have been **ordered**.
- e) **Deena** will contact Jim Henderson regarding **planting a memorial tree** in Howard Park to **commemorate Helen Olney**. **Liz** to get an **update** from SES on the **trex bench** for Helen. **Marie** can contact Helen's sister Harriet regarding a **plaque for Helen**.
- f) **Howard Park/Town Green fee schedule for reserving space:** There will be **two categories: Resident or Non-Resident**. Both categories will include a \$20.00 refundable security deposit. **Residents** will be charged **\$25.00 per reservation + security deposit for a total of \$45.00**. If you need a **rain date**, that would be a second reservation fee but not a second security deposit. **Non-Resident** fees would include the **\$20.00 refundable security deposit + \$50.00 reservation fee for a total of \$70.00**

#### 6) New Business:

a) **Ideas for future use of the Town Green:** using Stanley Tools stones for a **moon gate, community garden, future pavilion, farmers' market, fund raisers...community tag sale**

b) **Bullet Points:** Liz to get a **battery operated stapler**, info on **trex bench**

- **Deena...**contact **Mike Y** to install **bulletin board** in Howard Park, install **Barb's plaque**
- **Electricity** to the green? It's too costly to run electricity out there...\$3000.00. We will **use extension cords.**
- **Deena will contact Jim Henderson** regarding planting a tree at the park in memory of Helen Olney. Jim **suggested an apple tree** to attract wildlife.
- **Sarah Costin** did not have any update regarding the dog park to share with Deena. I'll get more updated information from her and Mike Y. during the month.
- **Marie** will contact Helen Olney's sister Harriet to work on wording for a memorial plaque for Helen.

7) **Adjournment:**

Marie motioned to adjourn, Liz second.

Meeting adjourned: 10:53 a.m.

Next scheduled meeting: May 22, 2026 at our new Town Office

Respectfully submitted: Deena Ruege