

SHREWSBURY PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT
ON THE
TOWN OF SHREWSBURY, VERMONT
TOWN PLAN

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing** on the 2013 Update of the Shrewsbury Town Plan on **Wednesday, July 24th at 7:00 pm**. The hearing will be held at the **Shrewsbury Community Meeting House/88 Lottery Rd.** in Shrewsbury Center.

We respectfully request comments from all townspeople of Shrewsbury, the Shrewsbury Select Board, Planning Commissions of abutting towns, the Rutland Regional Planning Commission, and the Department of Housing and Community Affairs. Please send comments to the Shrewsbury Planning Commission at 9823 Cold River Rd. Shrewsbury, VT 05738 and/or participate at the Public Hearing.

Pursuant to Title 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117, the Shrewsbury Town Plan is hereby amended for the following purposes/reasons:

- To meet State of Vermont statute that the Town Plan be amended every five years.
- To meet new State of Vermont requirement and guidelines for statewide and regional planning goals (as reviewed by Rutland Regional Planning Commission staff).
- To incorporate those interests, statements made by Shrewsbury residents at the Shrewsbury Town-Community Forum.
- To update current Town data.

Changes made to the document including the following:

- An Economic section was added.
- Added language in Section 2 to describe interaction between state legislative actions and town plans.
- In several places, added wording “forestry” along with agriculture as an economy/activity that is desirable to maintain and encourage in town.
- Updated census, housing, economic (income, jobs, etc.) data to 2010 census data.
- Language added to reflect some of the newer economies in town such as increase in local food production and markets.
- Tropical storm Irene effects described.
- Open space development added as method for maintaining agricultural soils, woodlands, etc.
- Added partial sentence to keep waste out of quarries, etc.
- Added language to recognize need for housing for elderly in Town.
- Added language to address low-moderate income housing in Town.
- Education - added info on other forms of education in Town (music lessons, computer lessons, swim lessons, etc.), added info on higher education in area.
- Expanded the Energy section - on renewable energy, both commercial scale and residential scale.

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