

Shrewsbury Planning Commission

MINUTES

October 17, 2016

Present: Laura Black, Francis Wyatt, Tim Vile, David Rice, Mark Goodwin
Melissa Reichert & Marilyn Dalick

Approval of Minutes

Mark made a motion to approve the October 3 minutes, and David seconded. All were in favor; Melissa abstained.

Tonight's Meeting

Discussion of determination of scenic roads in town: Based on recent information he has received from various state officials on the matter, Mark advises that we don't need to do anything now, but when we begin work on the Town Plan again, we will address this. There is a listing in the Town Plan on what roads might be addressed as scenic, but there is no determination as to what makes them scenic, save the mention of stone walls and trees. Specifics must be determined in classifying each, as they are not going to be the same. Laura brought up "visual foreground" which includes a half mile of landscape to include old farmhouses, barns, for example—not just stone walls and trees lining the roads. Francis points out that we do not need to adhere to the state's defined characteristics of what makes a road scenic, but the more specific we are in defining "scenic" in Shrewsbury would be beneficial. Mark proposes that we add a definition for "scenic roads," as none now exists. All were in agreement.

Tim reiterated his suggestion that we seek input from the Conservation Commission regarding acceptable locations for solar and wind in town. All were in agreement. We will arrange a joint meeting with their group.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Section 301, page 17, being redrafted by Laura.
2. Set date for Public Hearing in mid-March, after Town Meeting Day.
3. Invite Conservation Commission to meet with us. We'd like their input re. solar and wind planning. Determine acceptable locations for each in Town.
4. Melissa will write a definition for "Certificate of Compliance" based on the PC's guidelines as follows:

✓ DECISION: CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

The Planning Commission *had previously made a decision* to KEEP Certificate of Compliance language in our regulations (see Section 303, page 23), with the following modifications The Certificate of Compliance will not be required in every circumstance:

- Minor subdivisions (under 4 lots) will be EXEMPT.
- It WILL be a condition of a MAJOR subdivision (4 lots or more)
- It WILL be required for "Conditional Use" projects

5. Scenic Roads: Write definition and identify roads in town.

NEXT MEETING is November 7, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. (Mark might not be in attendance due to preparation for presidential election.)

We adjourned this evening at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Marilyn Dalick, SPC Clerk	Date
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Approved:	
Laura Black, SPC Chair	Date

Approved as amended:	
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