

Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Minutes

Meeting: Feb. 6, 2018
368 Mitchell Rd

Members present: Cynthia Thornton, Grace Brigham, Chris Clarke, Pam Darrow, Connie Youngstrom, Louise Duda (via FaceTime)

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm

December 14, 2017 minutes were read by Cynthia and approved.

The agenda was read before Treasurer Chris gave her report.

The Commission has a request \$700.00 to be included in the Selectboard budget to cover our expenses this year. There was a misunderstanding on Green Up Day expenses. According to Chris, the \$700 will include the traditional \$150 that the town voters elect to send to the State Green Up Committee. (SCC has no access to those funds) Chris will attend the next Selectboard meeting to provide some clarification on this. Once the budget has been voted approved, the way we spend will change and all receipts will need to be saved for any purchases. Chris is willing to collect any receipts and get them to the town treasurer for reimbursement.

The next topic of discussion was our Walk and Talk project. Connie reported on the recent Fun in the Snow Party at Rice's Hill, that was well attended by young and older in Shrewsbury. Our next event - Wildlife Tracking with Ed Sharron- is a joint activity with VT. Woodlands Assoc and will take place on March 10. Permission has been granted to access land from Maple Crest Farm.

Brief talk about upcoming Green Up Day on May 6, 2018 and a Wildflower Walk on May 13, 2018.

Weezie spoke about her and Chris's participation in a webinar for Planning Commissions on Act 171- Forest fragmentation. Key points are that towns need to make plans to create blocks of forest in advance and prioritize areas of importance and then plan development around these important wildlife areas. Wildlife crossings and habitat connections need to be in place. Weezie stressed the importance of verbiage needed in the next Town Plan and also the need to work with the Planning Commission on that.

The next meeting will be on March 13, 2018, 5:15 at 368 Mitchell Rd.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Prepared by Connie Youngstrom