

7-3-18 SCC Minutes
450 Frank Lord Rd.
5:15 pm

Weezie Duda, Cynthia Thornton, Connie Youngstrom, Peter Grace, Pam Darrow, Chris Clark

Meeting commenced at 5:15 pm

June minutes read and approved.

1- Financial Report from Chris

All bank service charges have been returned to the SCC. A bank check for \$45.28 was written to the Town of Shrewsbury. Chris will get it to the treasurer. (Money for redemption of cans and bottles (Green Up) is included in this amount.) Chris will work with the auditors and treasurer regarding how to write the SCC financial report given that the account payments were split this year.

2- Regional CC meetings

Monica Pryzperhart would like us to host a joint conservation commission meeting with neighboring communities. The SCC discussed possible topics. These included wildlife corridors and how to validate them, land conservation strategies, land legacy issues, and invasive species management. SCC agreed that this was a good idea. Weezie will get back to Monica about this.

3- Anti Littering Signs

Peter missed the Times deadline but will put an announcement about defective sign replacement in the next issue.

4- Invasives Workshop

This event was poorly attended with only 5 people participating. It took place at Mandigo Meadows- poison parsnip was pulled and roots were cut off. Lots of information was shared. There is garlic mustard along the CCC road. This area needs some work. Maybe various community members could "adopt" a site and keep the invasives out of "their" area? Overall, Shrewsbury is doing an okay job controlling invasives.

Weezie suggested that SCC members each bring a friend and meet to pull invasives in Mandigo Meadows roadside. Pam said that to be effective, this type of action would have to happen annually for several years. Peter

added that Mandigo Meadows would be a good area because it is a Town owned property.

Weezie suggested dates: 7/10/18 or 7/11/18 from 9-11 a.m.- bring long sleeves, gloves, a garden fork.

Cynthia moved to spend no more than \$15 for refreshments, Peter seconded. Motion passed.

5- Green Mountain Power Presentation
7/17/18 7pm at Town Hall.

6- Land Legacy Workshops
These have the intent of preserving open parcels when landowners pass away. Weezie has worked with Christie Kemp from VT Land Trust, who suggested having local workshops in local people's homes.

Potential topics:

-How can I plan for my land?

-Taxes are killing me! But I want to help.

-My kids need the money but I also want to help Shrewsbury

Weezie wants to talk to possible hosts in Town to set dates. These will be open to anybody. It could be hard to get people to come and discuss this sensitive issue. The workshops would be open discussions and offer possible strategies for landowners.

7- Walk and Talks
8/4 or 5/18 Gary Salmon, tree identification (focussed on Lincoln Hill Rd.)

9/24/18 (Saturday) at 5:30 Full Moon Walk on Spring Lake Trails. Weezie and Peter will lead this.

8- Follow Up to Act 171

Weezie has a new link to the Power Point presentation that Monica Pryzperhart gave us at the last meeting. Monica will send the key maps to Weezie for us to use.

Weezie will email Laura Black to ask that the SCC be informed when the Planning Commission is discussing topics of mutual interest. Peter, Cynthia and Weezie may go to these meetings.

9- Conservation Fund planning

Weezie has examples of the other Vermont towns' fund plans for us to look at. We can use these to create a draft of a conservation fund plan for Shrewsbury. Cynthia and Weezie will work on this.

10- Other Business

Chris mentioned that she has information about how to extract bats from areas where they are not wanted. She will put an article in the Times.

Meeting adjourned 6:32 pm.

Next meeting 8/7/18 5:15 at 450 Frank Lord Rd.