

Shrewsbury Conservation Commission
Minutes April 3, 2018

The monthly meeting of the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission was called to order at 5:24pm by Cynthia Thornton. In attendance was Grace Brigham, Peter Grace, Louise Duda (via FaceTime), Cynthia Thornton, Connie Youngstrom and guest Ann Vanneman.

Minutes from the March meeting were approved as read by Cynthia Thornton with one correction: Act 171 instead of Act 71. The minutes will be corrected and resubmitted.

Ann Vanneman brought up various topics for short discussion.

1. The Idea of Vermont, presented by local GMC professor Laird Christensen, is recommended for SCC as a future lecture.
2. Vermont Coverts has put out a flyer for those interested in Cooperator Training workshops.
3. Emerald Ash Borer has been identified in 4 Vermont towns. A flyer has been written and available for distribution. We agreed that it should be at Green Up Day.

1. RNRCD Tree sale with an April deadline for ordering.

Walks and Talks was mentioned. The next W&T will take place on 5/12/18 ,guided by Connie Youngstrom, A Nature Walk for Mother's Day with a focus on plants and birds. Location has yet to be determined. An announcement will be put in the May Times, drawn by Grace Brigham.

Next topic for discussion was Green Up Day, 5/5/18.

A possible Green Up presentation for Shrewsbury Mountain School to attract students and parents. Grace and Peter will work on this.

Grace will be resubmitting her announcement in the Times for Green Up Day.

Prizes were discussed and agreed that there should be no tee shirts this year, but a raffle for one big prize of a fancy cake(baker yet to be determined), and 2 minor prizes of dump punch tickets. We agreed that the cake should cost no more than \$30. The drawing will take place after Green Up Day 12 noon on the 5th of May. Grace will inquire with Gloria Benson about cakes.

Maps and other equipment needs to be dug up, supplies checked, to be done by Connie. Grace will ask about dump tickets and if Bob Perry will be present for the dump drop offs.

Budget was not discussed today in the absence of Chris.

Moose signs were reported on by Peter. The big sign continues to make its way around town , this time at Russellville schoolhouse. An issue with peeling paint on the small plastic signs was brought up and Peter will inquire with the printer.

We have decided to replace the one that was stolen at the Old Plymouth Rd. Parking area.

Louise reported that she had spoken with Planning Comm. Laura Black on upcoming training with Jens on Act 171. We wish to be part of this and will be contacted prior to the event.

No news to report on the Poor Farm Property project.

Cynthia will talk with Chris Clarke about straightening out the budget issue.

The next meeting of SCC will be on May 1, 2018.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Youngstrom