

SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Minutes of Meeting on February 11, 2020

The monthly meeting of the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission came to order at 5:26pm at the home of Connie Youngstrom. Present were: Cynthia Thornton Biziak, Pam Darrow, Grace Brigham, Peter Grace, Chris Clarke, Connie Youngstrom and Louise Duda (by FaceTime).

1. The minutes from the January meeting were read by Cynthia and approved.
2. Treasurer's report was read by Chris and approved.

Three items were brought to our attention: the 2020 budget of \$1250 was accepted by the selectboard, last year's budget was underspent by \$4 and the Parsnip Predator shovel was not ordered yet – it won't be available until the spring.
3. A discussion about goal setting for 2020 followed and are listed below.
  - a. Completion of the Lottery Rd. Wildlife Corridor project with final purchase.
  - b. Invasive work continuing with Pam as director.
  - c. Carbon sequestration project, also with Pam.
  - d. Walks and Talks:
    - (1) continuing with an informational program on Recycling on 3/20 at the Library with Alice Martin
    - (2) a naturalist walk for spring wildflowers and birds tentatively set for 5/9 with Connie
    - (3) a visit to the Rice/Stout property to learn firsthand about applied forest strategy on the 400 acre property with no date set but in late summer.
  - e. Cleaning up old dumping areas around town
  - f. Possibly help to town of Clarendon to get Green Up Day organized
  - g. Classification of old town roads with short discussions of Gaynor Rd. Problems: Should the road be declassified?
  - h. An installment of a Conservation Fund for the town of Shrewsbury was brought up by Cynthia and Weezie. It was decided that it would be tabled for 2020.
4. Next item of business, the Lottery rd. Wildlife corridor project, was reported on by Weezie. She has spoken with Jane Lazorchak for an update and was informed that things are falling into place and no trouble anticipated. It is on the Governor's desk awaiting it's approval. Mark Youngstrom mentioned old surveys and maps of the Poor Farm property in his possession and agreed to scan and send to anyone interested.
5. Green Up Day will be on Saturday May 2, 2020 organized by Connie Youngstrom. A short idea sharing discussion followed. The popular raffle will continue. Suggestions to involve more kids and the PTO and bring in a new generation of younger families to hopefully take over at some point. Peter has volunteered to help with Green Up and also ask Lily French who may be available to help out. Grace suggested having a Poster contest again and will work on that. It was suggested that we write an article on the history of Green Up Day for the April Times.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm. Next meeting will be on Tuesday March 10, 2020 at 5:15pm at the home of Connie Youngstrom.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Youngstrom