

SCC Minutes 8/11/20 - Unapproved
5:15 p.m.
450 Frank Lord Rd.

Louise Duda, Cynthia Thornton (via FaceTime), Peter Grace,
Grace Brigham, Chris Clarke, Pam Darrow

Rich Biziak

1- reviewed and approved minutes from last meeting. Weezie moved.

2- Treasurer's Report

We received a \$30.00 donation
Cynthia will send a thank you note.

\$541.43 spent year to date
\$708.57 left in our budget

Reserve Fund Balance
\$283.45

3- Lottery Rd. WMA update

The sale has closed.
No date yet for celebration:
either 9/26/20 or 10/17/20- both Saturdays

People will meet up there, park along side of road, speeches etc in Poor Farm clearing. Small group hikes- maybe focused on natural features, historic features, etc.

We will contact people who may lead these hikes.

SCC will provide cookies and cider.

Cynthia will send personal invitations to donors to ask them to attend. Chris will do the labels.

Weezie will review this planning information with Mark Y. and Jane L.

Grace will make a poster to put in the Rutland Herald and Times of Shrewsbury.

4- Gaynor Rd. update

We reviewed Planning Commission statement regarding Class 4 roads. The Town has to address drainage issues.

There are regulations about access permitting a landowner to use and maintain a

class 4 road. There is a Town standard regarding Class 4 roads and adjacent lots.

If it becomes a trail, it can be open for recreational use, but the Town does not have to maintain it. Selectboard will determine what should be done.

Green Mountain Power is now working to remediate condition of Gaynor Rd.

5- New Business

Church property on Northam Road. 106 acres. Town may buy 24 acres of it adjacent to Transfer Station. The 82 acres on other side of Northam Road has been logged. SCC discussed possibility of working to conserve this parcel for use by the Town and Shrewsbury Mountain School. SCC decided to at least go look at the property and will discuss at the September meeting.

6- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan

Our Comments:

The maps make it look like the Class 4 roads. are passable by cars (for example Gaynor Rd).

The Emerald Ash Boer damage may also impact homes. Trees may need to be proactively removed. No plan for this.

High probability incident mitigation actions do not include going forward beyond 2020. There are other areas that may need proactive action.

7- Invasives

Pam is still working on poison parsnip. There is some at the end of Violet Page Rd.

A picture of an improperly cut plant will be put in the Times.

Purple Loosestrife- is still some in certain pastures. We will continue to monitor the situation.

Weezie got a phone call from a landowner with a parsnip covered field and advised her. Weezie offered SCC help. Weezie has been helping another landowner with poison parsnip as well.

8- Game Cameras

Should SCC purchase a game camera, put it in the new WMA, and monitor it? A community interest project. Weezie will look into this.

9- Smith's Apple Tree

Peter, Riley Miller, and Eldred French have said that they will help clear the area out.

10- Moose Signs

There are still some around. Grace would like to put them around Town. Grace will research ordering new, small signs.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:36

Next Meeting: Meeting House, 5:15, September 8