

Unapproved SCC Minutes
11/12/20
Shrewsbury Town Hall

Louise Duda, Peter Grace, Connie Youngstrom, Grace Brigham, Chris Clarke, Pam Darrow, Cynthia Thornton

1- October minutes were read and approved with the following change:
Joel Flewelling is the person who will manage the new WMA. Peter moved and Grace seconded.

2- Treasurer's Report

Weezie gave Chris a receipt for supplies.

Donation went into our account (Cynthia sent a thank you note)

3- Anti-Littering Signs

Grace and Chris are working on reimbursement and going to the Selectboard to ask if and where we can put up anti-littering signs around Town.

This topic was not brought up at the Outing Club meeting.

The issue is on hold until we hear from Selectboard and Outing Club.

4- Jeffords Tree

No response to Connie's emails to Select Board. Connie and the Meeting House Committee contacted Greg McGown for help finding a Mountain Ash. No luck so far. Connie will keep working on this in the spring

5- AVCC emails

Cynthia and Peter need to respond to an email from them or contacting them to ask to get on the email list. Association for Vermont Conservation Commissions

6- Church Property/Acreage

Church will let SMS (Shrewsbury Mountain School) use the property. SMS will pay the taxes on it. The school and church are working on figuring out insurance coverage issues. A work in progress.

7- Future SCC meetings in Covid times:

Zoom? Should SCC purchase an account? Weezie has asked the SelectBoard if the Town could buy an account. Should we just have 40 minute/ free Zoom meetings?

Cynthia moved to have future SCC meetings via the free Zoom. Peter seconded. All approved.

Chris will help Grace figure out how to call in to a Zoom meeting.

8- Banner

Grace will work on this over the winter.

Weezie will ask Green Screen and other printers if a banner could be printed on cloth.

9- Other

There is a lot of litter all over the roads. Grace will put an article in the Times asking walkers to "Bring a Bag" when heading out for walks.

Peter and Connie will do some picking up of litter along the roads.

- our roles with in the SCC

Peter would like to not be the "moose mover" – others are keeping their roles and we will share Peter's responsibility to Move the Moose next year!

10- Goals

Weezie has seen some conservation-related webinars. Key take aways are:

Development happens incrementally over time unless planning/ zoning are in place.

Biofinder and other resources can help identify crucial connectivity areas.

SCC looked at a map showing tree/treeless areas from 2011 and roadside development and wildlife corridors. Considering this, Weezie would like us to focus on identifying wildlife road crossings- Upper Cold River, Northam etc. – and planning how to keep them open.

Also, according to the webinars, many of the suggestions for effective conservation work we are already doing – Walks and Talks, Town Values, getting people involved with the land and nature(Walks and Talks) Celebratory events, reaching out to other Town organizations and people is an effective strategy.

Game cameras- Linda Shelvey already has game cameras up on her property. She is interested in helping us learn where wildlife crossing are through tracking and use of game cameras by putting up cameras at road crossings to help determine where they are and how/when/by what used. She is willing to start a Shrewsbury Facebook Game Camera sightings page if we are interested Privacy concerns? may be interested in joining SCC.

We discussed other potential new members.

Weezie will ask Mark Goodwin about increasing the SCC to 9 members.

Goal Setting Activity:

Keep:

Invasives

Walks and Talks

Follow Up Town Farm Wildlife Management Area

Follow Up Class 4 roads.

New:

We came up with many new goals. We will think about them and hone down the list at our next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:54

Next Meeting: January 12, 2021 via Zoom at 5:15 pm